

APPENDIX I

Soil Types of Polk County

SOIL LEGEND

The first capital letter is the initial one of the soil name. The lower case letter that follows separates mapping units having names that begin with the same letter except it does not separate sloping or eroded phases. The second capital letter indicates the class of slope. Symbols without a slope letter are for soils with a slope range of 0 to 2 percent or they are for miscellaneous areas which may have a great range of slope. A final number of 2 or 3 in the symbol indicates that the soil is eroded or severely eroded, respectively.

SYMBOL	NAME	SYMBOL	NAME
Ad	Adolph silt loam	CxC2	Cushing complex, 6 to 12 percent slopes, eroded
AfA	Alban fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	CxD2	Cushing complex, 12 to 20 percent slopes, eroded
AfB	Alban fine sandy loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes	DaA	Dakota loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes
AfC2	Alban fine sandy loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, eroded	DaB	Dakota loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes
AfD	Alban fine sandy loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes	DiA	Dakota loam, limestone substratum, 0 to 3 percent slopes
Ag	Aistad loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	DvA	Dakota Variant silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes
AIB	Amery sandy loam, 1 to 6 percent slopes	EmD	Emmert gravelly sandy loam, 12 to 35 percent slopes
AIC	Amery sandy loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes	Fa	Fluvaquents
AID	Amery sandy loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes	Fe	Fluvaquents, wet
AIE	Amery sandy loam, 20 to 30 percent slopes	FnB	Freeon silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes
AnB	Amery silt loam, 1 to 6 percent slopes	HrB	Hubbard loamy sand, 0 to 6 percent slopes
AnC	Amery silt loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes	LnA	Lino loamy fine sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes
AoB	Amery complex, 1 to 6 percent slopes	MaA	Magnor silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes
AoC	Amery complex, 6 to 12 percent slopes	MaB	Magnor silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes
AoD	Amery complex, 12 to 20 percent slopes	Mk	Markey muck
AoE	Amery complex, 20 to 30 percent slopes	MnB	Menahga loamy sand, 1 to 6 percent slopes
ArC	Amery-Rock outcrop complex, 2 to 12 percent slopes	MnC	Menahga loamy sand, 6 to 12 percent slopes
ArD	Amery-Rock outcrop complex, 12 to 45 percent slopes	MnD	Menahga loamy sand, 12 to 25 percent slopes
AtA	Antigo silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	MoB	Mora loam, 1 to 4 percent slopes
AtB	Antigo silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes	Ns	Newson loamy fine sand
AtC2	Antigo silt loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, eroded	NyA	Nymore fine sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes
AuA	Aurburndale silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	OgB	Omega fine sand, 2 to 6 percent slopes
Ba	Barronett silt loam	OgC	Omega fine sand, 6 to 12 percent slopes
Be	Barronett Variant fine sandy loam	OgD	Omega fine sand, 12 to 20 percent slopes
Bf	Bluffton loam	Pg	Pits, gravel
BIA	Brill silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	PvA	Plover fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes
BpA	Burkhardt sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	PxA	Poskin silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes
BpB	Burkhardt sandy loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes	Rf	Rifle muck
BpC2	Burkhardt sandy loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, eroded	RoA	Rosholt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes
CaA	Campia silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	RoB	Rosholt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes
CaB	Campia silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes	RoC2	Rosholt loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, eroded
CaC2	Campia silt loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, eroded	RoD	Rosholt loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes
CsB	Campia Variant loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes	RpB	Rosholt-Cromwell complex, 2 to 6 percent slopes
CsC	Campia Variant loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes	RpC	Rosholt-Cromwell complex, 6 to 12 percent slopes
CsD	Campia Variant loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes	RpD	Rosholt-Cromwell complex, 12 to 20 percent slopes
Cc	Cathro muck	RpE	Rosholt-Cromwell complex, 20 to 30 percent slopes
ChB	Chetek sandy loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes	RvB	Rosholt Variant silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes
ChC2	Chetek sandy loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, eroded	SaB	Santiago silt loam, 1 to 6 percent slopes
ChD2	Chetek sandy loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes, eroded	SaC	Santiago silt loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes
CoA	Comstock silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	SaD	Santiago silt loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes
CoA	Comstock Variant loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	ScB	Santiago-Antigo silt loams, 2 to 6 percent slopes
CrA	Cromwell sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	ScC	Santiago-Antigo silt loams, 6 to 12 percent slopes
CrB	Cromwell sandy loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes	ScD	Santiago-Antigo silt loams, 12 to 20 percent slopes
CrC	Cromwell sandy loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes	Se	Sapists and Aquents
CrD	Cromwell sandy loam, 12 to 25 percent slopes	Sm	Seelyville muck
CsA	Cromwell Variant sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Us	Udorthents, sandy
CIA	Croswell loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Uy	Udorthents, loamy
CuA	Crystal Lake silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Wv	Warman Variant sandy loam
CuB	Crystal Lake silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes		
CvB	Cushing loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes		
CvC2	Cushing loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, eroded		
CvD	Cushing loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes		
CvE	Cushing loam, 20 to 30 percent slopes		
CwD3	Cushing soils, 12 to 25 percent slopes, severely eroded		
CxB	Cushing complex, 2 to 6 percent slopes		

APPENDIX J

Polk County Population and Economic Profile

Final Population Projections for Wisconsin Municipalities: 2000 - 2025

(An * indicates that the municipality crosses at least one county line)

(The 2000 Census counts include the latest corrections - November 25, 2003 and may not equal those in the county age by sex projections)										
FIPS Code	DOA Code	Type and Name of Municipality	Census 1980	Census 1990	Census 2000	Projection 2005	Projection 2010	Projection 2015	Projection 2020	Projection 2025
5509500950	49002	T ALDEN	1,862	2,133	2,615	2,821	3,023	3,202	3,365	3,514
5509502350	49004	T APPLE RIVER	819	815	1,067	1,149	1,230	1,301	1,366	1,425
5509504500	49006	T BALSAM LAKE	960	1,067	1,384	1,495	1,605	1,702	1,790	1,871
5509505825	49008	T BEAVER	755	663	753	803	853	896	935	970
5509507700	49010	T BLACK BROOK	949	964	1,208	1,318	1,426	1,522	1,611	1,692
5509508750	49012	T BONE LAKE	466	503	710	781	852	915	973	1,027
5509514837	49014	T CLAM FALLS	614	596	547	530	513	494	475	456
5509515125	49016	T CLAYTON	789	780	912	948	984	1,014	1,039	1,061
5509515275	49018	T CLEAR LAKE	777	744	800	821	843	859	872	882
5509524450	49020	T EUREKA	1,135	1,201	1,338	1,416	1,494	1,560	1,620	1,673
5509525350	49022	T FARMINGTON	1,195	1,267	1,625	1,746	1,865	1,970	2,066	2,152
5509528350	49024	T GARFIELD	1,010	1,107	1,443	1,560	1,676	1,778	1,871	1,957
5509528725	49026	T GEORGETOWN	746	780	1,004	1,078	1,151	1,215	1,274	1,327
5509538400	49028	T JOHNSTOWN	401	410	520	567	613	653	691	726
5509541900	49030	T LAKETOWN	909	921	918	925	934	936	936	934
5509544475	49032	T LINCOLN	1,683	1,835	2,304	2,456	2,607	2,737	2,856	2,963
5509545775	49034	T LORAIN	280	299	328	334	341	345	348	351
5509546225	49036	T LUCK	863	880	881	873	865	853	840	825
5509546900	49038	T MCKINLEY	337	327	328	324	320	314	308	302
5509552100	49040	T MILLTOWN	943	949	1,146	1,228	1,310	1,381	1,446	1,505
5509560475	49042	T OSCEOLA	1,066	1,337	2,085	2,428	2,764	3,072	3,362	3,631
5509570375	49044	T ST CROIX FALLS	873	1,034	1,119	1,183	1,248	1,304	1,354	1,400
5509577050	49046	T STERLING	497	591	724	756	788	814	837	858
5509586350	49048	T WEST SWEDEN	718	682	731	746	761	772	780	786
5509504475	49106	V BALSAM LAKE	749	792	950	996	1,042	1,081	1,115	1,145
5509513850	49111	V CENTURIA	711	790	865	907	948	983	1,013	1,040
5509515100	49112	V CLAYTON	425	450	507	531	555	575	592	608
5509515250	49113	V CLEAR LAKE	899	932	1,051	1,082	1,112	1,136	1,156	1,172
5509520850	49116	V DRESSER	670	614	732	746	759	768	775	780
5509527500	49126	V FREDERIC	1,039	1,124	1,262	1,261	1,262	1,256	1,246	1,234
5509546200	49146	V LUCK	997	1,022	1,210	1,249	1,287	1,317	1,343	1,365

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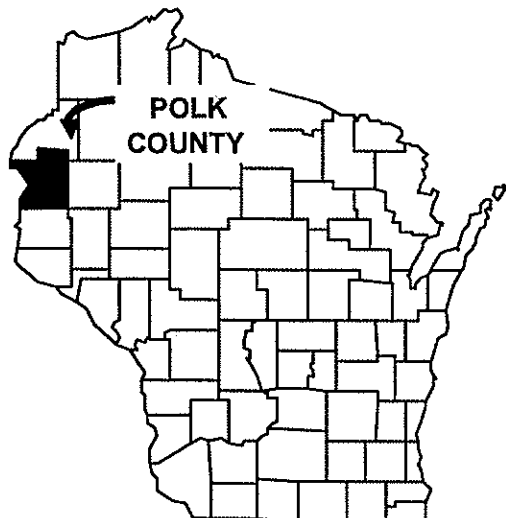
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5509552075	49151	V MILLTOWN	732	786	888	901	914	922	927	930	
5509560450	49165	V OSCEOLA	1,581	2,075	2,421	2,589	2,754	2,899	3,030	3,149	
5509581075	49186	V TURTLE LAKE *	0	6	65	76	87	97	106	115	
5509501725	49201	C AMERY	2,404	2,657	2,845	2,875	2,906	2,919	2,931	2,928	
5509570550	49281	C ST CROIX FALLS	1,497	1,640	2,033	2,122	2,209	2,280	2,343	2,398	
095	49	POLK COUNTY	32,351	34,773	41,319	43,621	45,901	47,842	49,592	51,152	

POLK COUNTY

Economic Profile

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COUNTY POPULATION

	1990	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
County Population	34,773	41,319	43,621	45,901	47,842	49,592
Percent Increase		18.8	5.6	5.2	4.2	3.7
Male	13,508	20,650	21,855	23,043	24,031	24,891
Female	117,472	20,669	21,766	22,858	23,811	24,701
Minority	515	977	NA	NA	NA	NA
Percent Minority	1.48	2.3	NA	NA	NA	NA
Age Under 5	2,542	2,427	2,526	2,587	2,754	2,878
Age 5-9	2,996	2,962	2,782	2,810	2,799	2,926
Age 10-14	2,784	3,293	3,140	2,897	2,887	2,860
Age 15-19	2,378	3,145	3,197	3,027	2,753	2,726
Age 20-24	1,599	1,788	2,484	2,504	2,328	2,100
Age 25-34	5,287	4,633	4,512	5,320	6,136	5,900
Age 35-44	5,169	6,794	6,286	5,522	5,330	6,147
Age 45-54	23,471	5,947	6,913	7,327	6,696	5,800
Age 55-59	1,425	2,156	2,852	3,520	3,828	3,856
Age 60-64	1,573	1,927	2,276	3,031	3,693	4,009
Age 65-74	2,898	3,111	3,409	3,998	5,032	6,331
Age 75-84	1,964	2,223	2,258	2,278	2,495	2,906
Age 85+	687	913	986	1,080	1,111	1,153

Source: 1990 and 2000 Census; Wisconsin DOA Population Projections

MUNICIPAL POPULATION

	1970	1980	1990	2000	2003	Percent Change		
						1970-1980	1980-1990	1990-2000
Amery	2,126	2,404	2,657	2,845	2,874	13.1	10.5	7.1
Osceola	1,152	1,581	2,075	2,421	2,551	37.2	31.2	16.7
St. Croix Falls	1,425	1,497	1,640	2,033	2,079	5.1	9.6	24.0
Frederic	908	1,039	1,124	1,262	1,249	14.4	8.2	12.3
Luck	848	997	1,022	1,210	1,224	17.6	2.5	18.4
Clear Lake	721	899	932	1,051	1,066	24.7	3.7	12.8
Balsam Lake	648	749	792	950	979	15.6	5.7	20.0
Centuria	632	711	790	865	948	12.5	11.1	9.5
Milltown	634	732	786	888	888	15.5	7.4	13.0
Dresser	533	670	614	732	755	25.7	-8.4	19.2
Clayton	306	425	450	507	529	38.9	5.9	12.7

Source: 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000 Census; Wisconsin DOA 2003 Population Estimates

EFFECTIVE BUYING INCOME

Income Range - 2002	Percent of Households	
	County	State
\$0-\$19,999	21.4	20.2
\$20,000-\$34,999	25.9	25.1
\$35,000-\$49,999	22.6	22.0
\$50,000 and Over	30.1	32.7
Median Household Income	\$36,520	\$37,808

Effective buying income (EBI) is total money income minus personal & real estate taxes. (Money income includes income from: wages, self-employment, interest, dividends, rent, retirement, unemployment, disability, public assistance, alimony, child support, and other periodic payments)

Note: The 2002 EBI figure is not directly comparable with years prior to 1995 because of changes in what is included.

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RETAIL TRADE

	2002 County Retail Trade (\$000)	As a % of Total County Retail Trade	2002 State Retail Trade (\$000)	As a % of Total State Retail Trade
Total Retail Trade	\$404,572		\$77,365,276	
Food & Beverage Stores	\$86,597	21.4	\$10,137,150	13.1
Food Services & Drinking Establishments	\$30,147	7.5	\$6,005,462	7.8
General Merchandise	\$38,747	9.6	\$10,702,364	13.8
Furniture, Home Furnishings, Electronics & Appliances	\$7,436	1.8	\$3,590,756	4.6
Motor Vehicles & Parts Dealers	\$80,080	19.8	\$17,939,587	23.2

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GOVERNMENT FINANCES

2002	County	State
Full Equalized County Valuation (\$000)	\$3,110,495	\$335,326,479
Net Property Tax (\$000)	\$52,657	\$6,894,272
Full Value Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation	\$16.92	\$20.55
Per Capita Property Tax	\$1,235.47	\$1,264.10

Source: Town, Village and City Taxes, Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

County Totals	1997	2002
Employed	21,422	21,933
Unemployed	931	1,642
Total Labor Force	22,353	23,575
Average County Unemployment Rate	4.2%	7.0%
Average State Unemployment Rate	3.7%	5.5%
Average U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.9%	5.8%

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and Bureau of Labor Statistics

HOUSING

2000-County	
Housing Units	21,129
Owner Occupied Units	13,037
Renter Occupied Units	3,217
Persons/Owner Occupied Unit	2.62
Persons/Renter Occupied Unit	2.06
Median Value of Housing	\$100,200
Median Monthly Cash Rent	\$440

Source: 2000 Census

REPRESENTATIVE WAGE RATES

	2001 Hourly Rate	
Position	Mean	Median
Assemblers, Team	\$11.23	\$11.32
Bookkeeper	\$12.53	\$12.12
Clerk, Shipping/Receiving/Traffic	\$11.91	\$11.52
Electrician	\$22.17	\$22.23
Maintenance & Repair Worker	\$14.84	\$15.03
Nursing Aide/Orderly/Attendant	\$9.84	\$9.92
Office Clerk, General	\$10.32	\$10.20
Packers & Packagers, Hand	\$9.99	\$9.56
Secretary	\$11.69	\$11.64
Stock Clerk	\$8.83	\$8.15
Tool & Die Maker	\$19.73	\$20.03
Welder/Cutter/Solderer/Brazer	\$15.20	\$15.35

Source: 2001 Wage Survey
Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

BUILDING PERMITS

County Residential	1997	2002
Single Family	289	391
Total Units	331	423
Value	\$27,676,838	\$48,788,151

Source: Bureau of the Census

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	1996	2001	1996-2001 % Change	% of 2001 Total Employment
Agriculture*	1,632	991	-39.3	6.2
Construction	515	722	40.2	4.5
Manufacturing	3,832	4,613	20.4	28.9
Transportation and Utilities	507	478	-5.7	3.0
Wholesale/Retail Trade	2,824	3,048	7.9	19.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	414	458	10.6	2.9
Services	2,621	3,143	19.9	19.7
Government	2,282	2,528	10.8	15.8
Total+	14,627	15,981	9.6	100.0

*Agriculture figures derived from 1990 and 2000 Census.

+Represents the total number of jobs provided by employers within the County and not the total number of employed individuals in the County.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

TOP 10 INDUSTRY GROUPS BY EMPLOYMENT

	1996	2001	Percent Change
Health Services	1,397	1,666	19.3
Educational Services	1,165	1,504	29.1
Eating and Drinking Places	861	892	3.6
Transportation Equipment	NA	*	NA
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	640	718	12.2
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	760	639	-15.9
Automotive Dealers and Service Stations	454	495	9.0
Food Stores	403	489	21.3
Special Trade Contractors	NA	385	NA
Food and Kindred Products	NA	*	NA

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

*Data suppressed to maintain confidentiality

LARGEST MANUFACTURERS

Firm	Location	Product	Employees
Polaris Industries	Osceola	Metal Stampings	500-999
Cardinal DGP/LG	Amery	Glass	100-249
Land O'Lakes	Clear Lake	Dairy-based Beverages, Sauces, Puddings	100-249
Plastech Corp.	Amery	Plastic Injection Molding and Sub -Assembly	100-249
Tenere, Inc.	Dresser	Tool & Die	100-249
UFE, Inc.	Dresser	Miscellaneous Plastics Products	100-249
Bishop Fixtures & Millwork	Balsam Lake	Store Fixtures and Millwork	50-99
Amery Technical Products, Inc.	Amery	Tape & Miscellaneous Packaging	50-99
Bealka Castings, Inc.	Osceola	Metal Casting Foundry	50-99
Bending Branches	Osceola	Hockey Sticks, Canoe and Kayak Paddles	50-99
Brandtjen & Kluge, Inc.	St. Croix Falls	Printing Machinery	50-99
Colonial Craft, Inc.	Luck	Millwork	50-99
DRS Ahead Technology, Inc.	St. Croix Falls	Magnetic Tape Heads	50-99
Durex Products	Luck	Fabricated Wire Products	50-99
Foremost Farms USA	Clayton	Cheese	50-99
Inter-County Coop Publishing	Frederic	Newspapers	50-99
MPM, Inc.	Frederic	Miscellaneous Plastics Products	50-99
MRL Mfg. Inc.	Amery	Ordance Replacement Parts	50-99
Nobles Mfg., Inc.	St. Croix Falls	Centrifuge Washers & Dryers	50-99
Northwire, Inc.	Osceola	Electronic Control Cables	50-99
Pack-It Bindery, Inc.	St. Croix Falls	Book Binding	50-99
Principal Fixturing & Millwork	Osceola	Millwork	50-99
Oxbo International Corp.	Clear Lake	Farm Machinery & Equipment	50-99
Straus Knitting Mills	St. Croix Falls	Knit Outerwear	50-99
St. Croix Valley Hardwoods	Luck	Lumber & Wood Products	50-99
Thermal Plastics Design	St. Croix Falls	Plastic Injection Molding	50-99
Thompson Machine Inc.	Amery	Metal Fabrication	50-99

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

RECREATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Water Acres as Percent of Land Area	4.7	Bicycle Trails (miles)	30
Swimming Areas	10	Snowmobile Trails (miles)	350
Fishing Lakes	477	Downhill Skiing Sites	1
Canoe Trails (miles)	91	Cross-Country Ski Trails (miles)	32.0
Boat Launches	62	Golf Courses	7
Camping Sites	952	Parks and Picnic Areas	30
Hiking Trails (miles)	140	Hunting Areas (public acres)	38,288

Source: Polk County Outdoor Recreation Plan, 1994-1998

Polk County is characterized by plentiful forest and water resources. There are numerous lakes and streams which provide recreation seekers with excellent opportunities for swimming, fishing, canoeing, boating and water skiing. Large numbers of picnic areas and parks are scattered throughout the County. One of the most scenic parks in the West Central Wisconsin region is Interstate Park at St. Croix Falls, located along the St. Croix River. Nature and multi-use trails are also abundant in Polk County, including the Apple River County Trail, Loraine County Forest, Gandy Dancer Trail, Cattail Trail and Sterling Forest. The County is bordered by the St. Croix River which is considered one of the nation's last "wild rivers". Because of the many lakes and its relative location, Polk County receives a lot of weekend visitors from the Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Area.

INDUSTRIAL PARKS/SITES

	Acres Available	Acres Served by Utilities			State Hwy. Access	Community Airport	Rail Service To Community	Rail Service In Park
		Municipal Water	Municipal Sewer	Natural Gas				
Amery	16	16	16	16	X	X		
Centuria	32	32	32	32	X			
Clayton	14	14	14	14	X			
ClearLake	17	17	17	17	X			
Frederic	10	10	10	10	X			
Milltown	8	8	8	8	X			
Osceola	80	80	80	80	X	X	X	X
St. Croix Falls	15	15	15	15	X			

Source: West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

MISCELLANEOUS

HIGHWAYS Polk County is served by a network of U.S. and State Highways. USH 63 and STH 87, 35, 65, and 46 run a north-south route through the County. USH 8 and STH 48 run east and west.

RAIL SERVICE The Canadian National (CN) Railroad connects Minneapolis-St. Paul with the Polk County communities of Osceola and Dresser.

AIR SERVICE Polk County has two publicly-owned, general utility airports located in the communities of Osceola and Amery. These airports both have paved runways over 3,000 feet in length. Because of Polk County's proximity to the major air facilities in Minneapolis-St. Paul, many communities rely on these facilities for scheduled air service.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES Most training needs among local businesses are met by the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College located in New Richmond and Rice Lake. Associate degree and vocational education programs are offered in the areas of agriculture, service, health and home economics, business and marketing, trade and industry, and general education, as well as apprenticeship trades. University campuses in River Falls, Menomonie, and Eau Claire provide bachelor and master degree programs.

APPENDIX K

Methodology for Developing Minor Civil Division Projections

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Some General Considerations

The methodology to project the populations of Wisconsin's minor civil divisions (MCDs) was developed within the framework of some general guidelines based on the forecasting literature, both demographic and non-demographic. The resulting main principles governing the projection methodology are summarized below:

First, long term population projections, particularly for small areas, require consideration of historical data series of approximately equal length. While a five-year population projection may require little information beyond a solid benchmark and some sense of trends in the recent past, a long-term projection should be informed by recent as well as earlier data.

Second, once the historical data are assembled, more recent data should have greater influence in the projection process. The assumption here is that while both more distant as well as recent historical data speaks to the future, the data from more recent periods speak with greater force. This approach has both strong intuitive appeal and empirical support.

Third, since county projections generally are produced using more developed methodologies than are available for MCD projections, the latter should be adjusted to incorporate the projected trends for the county unit. The cohort component technique, which permits the projection of age-specific rates for the separate components of population change and takes into account the changing age-structure of the population, is the most frequently used method for producing county-level projections. Since such projections more fully exploit a wider range of information, they are believed to give a population size of greater confidence than does the sum of the sub-area projections based on much simpler techniques or more limited data series. Nevertheless, an MCD projection based on its own population trend does contain its unique, dynamic nature of this "place effect" should not be completely diluted. MCD projections containing both the "county effect" and the "place effect" should yield the best results.

Fourth, almost all extrapolation models are risky. They assume continuation of trends or patterns that, for all practical purposes, may not be sustained for long. Clearly, rates of change that are too rapid have to be adjusted as to dilute at least some of their undesirable traits and thereby improve their performance.

Fifth, population of individual cities, villages, and towns may be affected by not only births, deaths, and migration, but also by area changes that are often less amenable to extrapolation than are the purely demographic factors. Therefore, it would be desirable to discount the effect on projections of past (especially recent) area changes that transfer sizable populations from one community to another.

Finally, techniques that reasonably capture and extrapolate the momentum of historical population trends will essentially produce baseline projections. Local geophysical conditions, environmental concerns, current comprehensive land use plans, existing zoning restrictions, taxation, and other policies influence business and residential location. These and other similar

factors that can govern the course of local development and have a profound effect on future population change were not taken into consideration in the development of these projections. The present projections represent the momentum of population change in an area in the absence of physical constraints or political restrictions. To the extent that such constraints or restrictions are known to exist, these projections need to be modified or tempered before they can be incorporated into planning documents or facility construction proposals. Subjective impressions and expectations alone may not suffice to quantify the modifications to be introduced. Only data and information that provide an objective basis for the potential changes are likely to enhance the credibility of any alternatives.

The Projection Procedure

The basic procedure adopted to develop the municipal population projections presented in this report is relatively straightforward, simple and parsimonious. At the same time it seems to maintain a low error rate that is extremely close to that given by the average of several projections based on alternative projection strategies (Voss and Kale, 1985). Data input for the basic procedure comprised population counts from the decennial census of 1980, 1990 and 2000 and the January 1, 2002 population estimates as developed by the Wisconsin Department of Administration. A preliminary projection of a municipality's population is made by means of linear extrapolation. It is assumed that the annual amount of future population change will be similar to the annual amount of past population change. The average annual population change (G) is calculated as follows:

$$G = (((P_{2002}-P_{1980})/21.75) + ((P_{2002}-P_{1990})/11.75) + ((P_{2002}-P_{2000})/1.75))/3$$

Where P is population,

G is average annual numerical population change, and

1980, 1990, 2000 and 2002 are reference years of the population data.

The above formula first calculates annual population change over three varying time spans, all of which end in 2002. An average of the three is assumed to represent the community's underlying demographic dynamics better for projection purposes. The component based on the 1980-2002 period provides the quality of stability to the process. The 1990-2002-year period reflects sustained change while the most recent years represent a community's current demographic dynamics. Data that are more recent have greater influence in the projection process since all three periods end in the same recent year. In general, the assumption here is that while both more distant as well as recent historical data speak to the future, the data from more recent periods speak with greater force.

A community's preliminary population projection to a future date is obtained based on the annual average change (G) calculated using the above formula. Thus,

$$P_{2005} = P_{2002} + 3G$$

The projected preliminary number for the other years is similarly obtained by multiplying G by the number of intervening years and adding the result to the population count for 2002.

Modifications for Abnormal Rates of Change

A two-step modification scheme was designed to dampen unusually high rates of growth or decline. These adjustments dilute some of the least desirable characteristics of extrapolation models and improve their overall performance (Voss and Kale, 1985).

Step No. 1. Once weighted average annual increment (G) was determined, an implied annual rate of population change at the point of the forecast time origin (i.e., G/2002 in this case) was calculated for each (MCD) and the mean and standard deviations (S.D.) of these MCD rates of change were determined for each county.

Any MCD rate that fell outside the range given by

$\text{mean} \pm 1.5 \text{ (S.D.)}$

was arbitrarily reset to equal the nearest of either

$\text{mean} + 1.5 \text{ (S.D.)}$ or $\text{mean} - 1.5 \text{ (S.D.)}$.

The purpose of this adjustment was to dampen the rate-of-change outliers by taking into consideration for each MCD the rate of population change in neighboring MCDs. This adjustment assumes that unusually high rates of growth or decline for any given MCD cannot continue for very long into the future and should therefore be dampened such that it would reflect the behavior of other nearby MCDs. After pulling in the outliers, the moderated rates were converted back into yearly numerical changes by applying the moderated rate to the base year population (or the 2002 population in this case) of the concerned community.

Step No. 2. Even after extreme rates of population decline had been softened by Step 1, it remained possible for the extrapolation procedure to eventually yield negative numbers. To prevent a negative number yield, a trial 80-year ahead projection was made for each declining MCD. If the slope of the decline was such that it implied that the MCD population after 80 years remained positive, then no further adjustment was made. If, however, the implied population became negative within an 80-year horizon, the trajectory of decline was modified or softened so that the MCD population size equaled zero at exactly the 80-year point and the average annual numerical change was recalculated on that basis, thereby preventing the population from approaching zero with the shorter 30-year horizon of the projections.

Adjustment to DOA County Projections

The sums of the preliminary projections for the MCDs in a county do not necessarily agree exactly with the county population projections developed separately. Some of the salient features of the long-term county projections, produced by the Wisconsin Department of Administration, may be noted here. First, they are developed using the cohort component

method that computes the three components of population change, namely, fertility, mortality and migration separately and carries forward the base population by age and sex. Second, the county projections are controlled by a similarly, but independently, derived statewide projection that is likely to contain a relatively smaller margin of error. Third, assumptions about fertility, mortality and migration both at the state and county level are made in the context of past and emerging trends and within a rational framework. The state level migration rates and those for individual counties are moderated over the projection period. It is highly improbable that any area can continue to experience fixed high rates of in- or out-migration indefinitely. The county projections are considered to contain a lower error rate. The relatively larger populations of the counties are certainly helpful in this regard. It was considered appropriate to proportionately adjust the preliminary municipal projections derived in the previously described manner so that the sum of the municipal projections in any county would exactly tally with the independently calculated county projections.

Past analysis has shown that the difference between the county projection and the sum of the municipal projections was within 5 percentage points for the vast majority of the counties. In general, the projected totals at the county level turned out to be quite close irrespective of whether the projection was derived directly for the county as a whole or it was given by the bottom up approach. The county projections are judged to show a more reasonable long-term trend and are therefore given a controlling role in this process. Note, however, that while the "place effect" operates within the county control mechanism, it is not only not eliminated, but actually plays the dominant role.

The normalization process using the county projections has given a marginally wider difference between the projections and counts at the municipality level in an earlier exercise (Voss and Kale, 1985). Based on past experience, however, it seems desirable to maintain consistency between the municipal and county projections. Moreover, the relatively small difference observed between county level projections and the sum of the municipal projections before normalization is quite reassuring in this regard.

Adjustment for Large Annexations

Changes in the geographic area of municipalities, especially those that involve a sizable population, are difficult to handle in developing population projections. The effect of annexations and the corresponding detachments that occurred in the 1970s was noticed to have been sufficiently diluted. A few annexations of the 1980s and of the early 1990s appeared to greatly influence the projection trajectory of some municipalities. In such instances, average annual population change is calculated after subtracting (or adding) the annexed (or detached) population from the 2000 Census counts.

This adjustment was done for pairs of MCDs or three or four municipality groups. For each such pair or group the total gain of the gainer (or gainers) was equal to the total loss of the loser (or losers). Since the annexations/detachments did not cross county boundaries, the adjustment calculations also were carried out within a county. The county totals remained the same as before.

Detailed Review

Finally, results of the entire procedure described so far were reviewed in detail, MCD by MCD. Three questions provided the framework for this review:

First, how do the projections for 2005 compare with an independently derived 2005 projection based on a time series approach (Palit, et. al., 1975) using population counts and estimates for the years 1970 through 2000. The following ARIMA model was employed for this purpose:

$$P_{t+1} = a * P_t + b * P_{t-1}$$

where, P stands for the population of a municipality,
a and b are regression coefficients, and
t+1, t, and t-1 are points in time, separated by 1-year intervals.

A difference of 25 or more (MCDs under 250) to 500 or more (for MCDs over 50,000 residents) between the two projections was flagged. The trend observed through 2000 and the change between 2000 and 2005 indicated by the projection based on the procedure adopted for this report were compared for any inconsistency in terms of magnitude and direction of change. The change between 2000 and 2002 was given special consideration in deciding whether a modification was warranted.

Second, was the long-term trajectory steep in the light of the MCD's immediate post-2000 trend? A special note was made of a fast growth in an incorporated place.

Third, did the long term projection show over the projection horizon a significant change in direction that was at variance with its history?

It is necessary to note that no changes had to be made as a result of this review process. The county level trend over the projection period was given an extra weight in making the decision in this regard. If projections for some MCDs had appeared unreasonable in the review process, a simple average of the annualized change in the 70s, 80s, and the 90s would have been tried for the particular municipalities. This would have necessitated normalization for a second time at the county level. In general, however, the review indicated that the projections are following reasonable trajectories in the context of the trends observed to date and the expected future changes in fertility, mortality and migration at the county level.

An Evaluation of the Most Recent Set of Projections

Following the 2000 Census, Demographic Services Center analyzed the accuracy of the *Official Municipal Population Projections, 1990 – 2015*. The analysis compared results of the 2000 Census with the projected population for 2000 issued in 1993. As expected, the analysis showed that the error margins were highest in the smallest communities and lowest in the larger ones. For places under 250 persons in 2000, the average error was 20.36 percent. For communities greater than 50,000 the error margin in terms of absolute percent difference was only 3.13

percent. In terms of population change during the 1990s communities either losing population or those growing more than 15 percent experienced wider error margins. Those communities losing population had an average absolute percent error of 11.49 percent and those growing faster than 15 percent for the decade experienced an average absolute percent error of 15.04 percent.

An evaluation was also conducted for a set of municipal level population projections developed in 1986. Results of this analysis show that the average absolute percent difference for the projected 1990 population for all communities was 12.19 percent. Communities under 1,000 persons had the highest error rate of 14.11 percent while those over 20,000 had an error rate of only 4.23 percent. When considering growth rates, communities losing population during the 1980s had error rates exceeding 16 percent and those growing at over 15 percent during the decade showed average error rates of 11.32 percent. Using the same 1986 projection series and then comparing the projected 2000 population with the 2000 Census showed that as expected, the projected 2000 population had even greater error margins than those experienced in 1990. Overall, the error margin was 17.78 percent. Communities losing population had error rates of nearly 25 percent on average and those gaining over 15 percent during the 1990s had rates in excess of 17 percent. Again, the smallest communities (under 1,000) showed the largest average error at just over 20 percent while those over 20,000 in population experienced an average error rate of just over 8 percent. It is important to note that the projection series developed in 1986 relied heavily on data from the 1980 census and that the error rates experienced by 2000 were the result of data that was 20 years old. They also relied heavily on intercensal population estimates.

A similar analysis using the 1986 projection series was conducted comparing the results of the 2000 Census and the 2000 projected population again, at the minor civil division level. Again, the highest error margins were in communities under 1,000 persons. The average absolute percent error was just over 20 percent for the smallest places and only 8.05 in communities over 20,000. As was the experience in the most recent set of projections, those communities losing population had an average absolute percent difference of nearly 25 percent. Communities growing over 15 percent during the 1990s experienced an average absolute percent difference of over 17 percent. One must bear in mind that these error margins were observed after 14 years after the issuance of these projections. Therefore, the user should consider these facts when using long-range projections at the municipal level.

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APPENDIX L

ALPRD Family Lake Survey

Amery Lakes Protection District

Family Lake Survey

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Example Survey

Amery Lakes Protection District Family Lake Survey

Please take the time to review and answer these questions with the members of your household. Return the questionnaire to: Dragonfly Consulting, PO Box 192, Amery, WI.

Thank you!!!

1. How do you use Amery Lakes (including Pike, North and South Twin)?

Activity (consider appropriate season)	Regularly (More than once per month)	Sometimes (Less than once per month)	Rarely (Less than 3 times per year)
Entertaining friends and relatives			
Fishing			
Ice fishing			
Snowmobiling			
Swimming (or snorkeling/scuba diving)			
Water skiing			
Jet skiing			
Motorized boating			
Non-motorized boating (canoeing, rowing, sailing, wind surfing)			
Appreciating peace & tranquility			
Observing wildlife			
Other			

_____ *We don't use the Lakes*

2. If you own shoreline property, which of the following best describes your frontage?

- _____ Planted trees and shrubs
- _____ Natural vegetation
- _____ Lawn
- _____ Masonry retaining wall
- _____ Wood retaining wall
- _____ Rocks (riprap) for stabilization
- _____ *We don't own shoreline property*

3. How many of each of the following watercraft do you use on the Lakes?

_____ Canoe/kayak	_____ Rowboat
_____ Pontoon	_____ Motorboat under 25hp
_____ Paddleboat	_____ Motorboat over 25hp
_____ Sailboat	_____ Personal Watercraft
_____ Other (describe) _____	

4. Which term best describes the water clarity of each lake?

Check one answer for each lake.

	Pike	S Twin	N Twin
Crystal clear	_____	_____	_____
Clear	_____	_____	_____
Cloudy	_____	_____	_____
Murky	_____	_____	_____

5. Which term best describes the water quality of each lake?

Check one answer for each lake.

	Pike	S Twin	N Twin
Excellent	_____	_____	_____
Good	_____	_____	_____
Fair	_____	_____	_____
Poor	_____	_____	_____

6. What factors prompted your answers for the above 2 questions?

Check as many answers as apply for each lake.

	Pike	S Twin	N Twin
Amount of algae	_____	_____	_____
Ability to see bottom	_____	_____	_____
Amount of plant growth	_____	_____	_____
Presence of swimmer's itch	_____	_____	_____
Written reports	_____	_____	_____
Comparison to other lakes	_____	_____	_____
Other (describe) _____	_____	_____	_____

7. Which statement best describes intensity of use of each lake?

Check one answer for each lake.

	Pike	S Twin	N Twin
Little use (rarely bothered by others)	_____	_____	_____
Moderate use (easy to share lake)	_____	_____	_____
Heavy use (activities of others disturb us)	_____	_____	_____
Unusable (way too much noise and use)	_____	_____	_____

8. Rate the overall natural vegetation of the shoreline for each lake:

Check one answer for each lake.

	Pike	S Twin	N Twin
Lacking	_____	_____	_____
Adequate	_____	_____	_____
Too much	_____	_____	_____

9. Which of the statements best describes safety concerns?

Check one answer for each lake.

	Pike	S Twin	N Twin
Generally safe	_____	_____	_____
Speeding is a concern	_____	_____	_____
Boats dangerously close to shore or other people	_____	_____	_____
Other (describe) _____	_____	_____	_____

10. Which statement best describes the level of aquatic plant growth in each lake?

Check one answer for each lake.

	Pike	S Twin	N Twin
Little (few plants seen)	_____	_____	_____
Moderate (adequate cover for fish)	_____	_____	_____
Heavy (limits our use of some areas)	_____	_____	_____
Dense (limits our use of most of lake)	_____	_____	_____
Choked (entire lake area unusable)	_____	_____	_____

11. Which statement best describes current public access to each lake?

Check one answer for each lake.

	Pike	S Twin	N Twin
Inadequate (available but limited)	_____	_____	_____
Adequate (appropriate for size of lake)	_____	_____	_____
Excessive (contributes to crowding on lake)	_____	_____	_____

Comments _____

12. Please check the Lake District activities you are aware of:

- ☐ Mechanical plant harvesting
- ☐ Chemical spraying of plants
- ☐ Walleye fish stocking
- ☐ Aerator
- ☐ Water quality testing
- ☐ Dock maintenance
- ☐ Purchase & maintain floating classroom for high school
- ☐ Successfully initiated city ordinances for water quality protection
- ☐ Received & implementing DNR Lakes Planning Grant
- ☐ Supported natural vegetation restoration project
- ☐ Conduct public information meetings
- ☐ Attend conferences
- ☐ Not aware of activities

13. List in order of importance the actions the Lake District should take to deal with your concerns for each lake:

Pike:	1 st _____	2 nd _____	3 rd _____
North Twin:	1 st _____	2 nd _____	3 rd _____
South Twin:	1 st _____	2 nd _____	3 rd _____

- A. Stock fish
- B. Stabilize water levels
- C. Boat safety program
- D. Harvest aquatic weeds
- E. Establish shoreline buffers of natural vegetation
- F. Other (list) _____
- G. Other (list) _____

14. What would you like to see changed?

15. What is the best way for the Lake District to communicate with you?

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| ☐ Meetings | ☐ Newspaper articles |
| ☐ Newsletters | ☐ Informal discussions |
| ☐ Email | ☐ Website |
| ☐ Other | |

16. Do you have special skills that could assist the Lake District in providing better lake management use?

Yes _____ Not Available _____

17. Would you be willing to volunteer for Lake District projects?

Yes _____ Not Available _____

Interpreted Results

Amery Lakes Protection District
Family Lake Survey
 INTERPRETED DATA

335 Total Responses
 1085 Sent
 30.9% Response Rate

1. How do you use Amery Lakes (including Pike, North and South Twin)?

Activity (consider appropriate season)	Regularly (More than once per month)	Sometimes (Less than once per month)	Rarely (Less than 3 times per year)
Appreciating peace & tranquility	166 50.2%	39 11.8%	17 5.1%
Observing wildlife	158 47.7%	41 12.4%	23 6.9%
Fishing	73 22.1%	57 17.2%	86 26.0%
Motorized boating	73 22.1%	32 9.7%	79 23.9%
Entertaining friends and relatives	65 19.6%	50 15.1%	77 23.3%
Swimming (or snorkeling/scuba diving)	49 14.8%	19 5.7%	84 25.4%
Non-motorized boating (canoeing, rowing, sailing, wind surfing)	38 11.5%	41 12.4%	83 25.1%
Ice fishing	31 9.4%	29 8.8%	107 32.3%
Water skiing	22 6.6%	20 6.0%	94 28.4%
Snowmobiling	21 6.3%	12 3.6%	95 28.7%
Jet skiing	7 2.1%	8 2.4%	105 31.7%
Other (see comment sheet)	11 3.3%	2 0.6%	2 0.6%

78 23.6% *We don't use the Lakes*

2. If you own shoreline property, which of the following best describes your frontage?

137 41.4% *We don't own shoreline property*
54 16.3% Natural vegetation
39 11.8% Rocks (riprap) for stabilization
35 10.6% Lawn
21 6.3% Planted trees and shrubs
5 1.5% Masonry retaining wall
4 1.2% Wood retaining wall

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Family Lake Survey
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3. How many of each of the following watercraft do you use on the Lakes?

89 26.9% Canoe/kayak
71 21.5% Motorboat over 25hp
63 19.0% Pontoon
58 17.5% Motorboat under 25hp
33 10.0% Rowboat
21 6.3% Paddleboat
8 2.4% Sailboat
6 1.8% Personal Watercraft
2 0.6% Other (describe) (see comment sheet)

4. Which term best describes the water clarity of each lake?

Check one answer for each lake.

Weighted average: Pike: 2.4 S Twin: 1.9 N Twin: 2.7
Crystal clear (1)
Clear (2)
Cloudy (3)
Murky (4)

5. Which term best describes the water quality of each lake?

Check one answer for each lake.

Weighted average Pike: 2.5 S Twin: 3.3 N Twin: 2.8
Excellent (1)
Good (2)
Fair (3)
Poor (4)

6. What factors prompted your answers for the above 2 questions?

Check as many answers as apply for each lake.

	Pike	S Twin	N Twin
Ability to see bottom	<u>120</u> (1)	<u>87</u> (3)	<u>119</u> (2)
Amount of plant growth	<u>115</u> (2)	<u>95</u> (2)	<u>126</u> (1)
Comparison to other lakes	<u>85</u> (3)	<u>59</u>	<u>77</u>
Amount of algae	<u>84</u> (4)	<u>70</u> (4)	<u>91</u> (3)
Presence of swimmer's itch	<u>69</u>	<u>123</u> (1)	<u>83</u> (4)
Written reports	<u>11</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>
Other _____	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>

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7. Which statement best describes intensity of use of each lake?

Check one answer for each lake.

Weighted average **Pike: 2.0 S Twin: 1.5 N Twin: 2.0**

Little use (rarely bothered by others) (1)

Moderate use (easy to share lake)(2)

Heavy use (activities of others disturb us) (3)

Unusable (way too much noise and use) (4)

8. Rate the overall natural vegetation of the shoreline for each lake:

Check one answer for each lake.

Weighted average **Pike: 2.0 S Twin: 2.0 N Twin: 1.8**

Lacking (1)

Adequate (2)

Too much (3)

9. Which of the statements best describes safety concerns?

Check one answer for each lake.

	Pike		S Twin		N Twin	
Generally safe	135	40.8%	127	38.4%	124	37.5%
Speeding is a concern	36	10.9%	13	3.9%	48	14.5%
Boats dangerously close to shore or other people	20	6.0%	4	1.2%	34	10.3%
Other (see comments)	5	1.5%	6	1.8%	6	1.8%

10. Which statement best describes the level of aquatic plant growth in each lake?

Check one answer for each lake.

Weighted average **Pike: 2.7 S Twin: 3.1 N Twin: 2.8**

Little (few plants seen) (1)

Moderate (adequate cover for fish) (2)

Heavy (limits our use of some areas) (3)

Dense (limits our use of most of lake) (4)

Choked (entire lake area unusable) (5)

11. Which statement best describes current public access to each lake?

Check one answer for each lake.

Weighted average **Pike: 1.9 S Twin: 1.8 N Twin: 1.9**

Inadequate (available but limited)(1)

Adequate (appropriate for size of lake) (2)

Excessive (contributes to crowding on lake) (3)

Comments (see attached comment sheet)

Amery Lakes Protection District
Family Lake Survey
 INTERPRETED DATA

335 Total Responses

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12. Please check the Lake District activities you are aware of:

132 39.9% Mechanical plant harvesting
119 36.0% Aerator
100 30.2% Dock maintenance
96 29.0% Water quality testing
70 21.1% Not aware of activities
58 17.5% Supported natural vegetation restoration project
54 16.3% Successfully initiated city ordinances for water quality protection
53 16.0% Chemical spraying of plants
48 14.5% Walleye fish stocking
44 13.3% Received & implementing DNR Lakes Planning Grant
36 10.9% Purchase & maintain floating classroom for high school
35 10.6% Conduct public information meetings
6 1.8% Attend conferences

13. List in order of importance the actions the Lake District should take to deal with your concerns for each lake:

Pike: 1st stock fish 2nd harvest aquatic weeds 3rd boat safety program

North Twin: 1st harvest aquatic weeds 2nd stock fish 3rd boat safety program

South Twin: 1st harvest aquatic weeds 2nd stock fish 3rd establish buffers

- A. Stock fish
- B. Stabilize water levels
- C. Boat safety program
- D. Harvest aquatic weeds
- E. Establish shoreline buffers of natural vegetation
- F. Other (list) _____
- G. Other (list) _____

	PIKE		N TWIN		S TWIN	
A	299 - 1	90.3%	251 - 2	75.8%	158 - 2	47.7%
B	75	22.7%	83	25.1%	77	23.3%
C	92 - 3	27.8%	129 - 3	39%	36	10.9%
D	258 - 2	77.9%	254 - 1	76.7%	233 - 1	70.4%
E	89	26.9%	97	29.3%	94 - 3	28.4%
F	67	20.2%	70	21.1%	95 -	28.7%
G	9	2.7%	12	3.6%	12	3.6%

14. What would you like to see changed? See comment sheet.

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15. What is the best way for the Lake District to communicate with you?

162 48.9% Newsletters
122 36.9% Newspaper articles
34 10.3% Email
26 7.9% Website
25 7.6% Meetings
9 2.7% Informal discussions
3 0.9% Other

16. Do you have special skills that could assist the Lake District in providing better lake management use?

Yes 15 4.5% Not Available 216 65.3%

17. Would you be willing to volunteer for Lake District projects?

Yes 59 17.8% Not Available 171 51.7%

Survey Comments

Amery Lakes Protection District
Family Lake Survey
Survey Comments

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QUESTION #1: How do you use Amery Lakes?

Survey# 9: Consider appropriate season.

- 26: Beauty
- 42: Walking in the snow.
- 98,142: We enjoy walking along the lakes.
- 134: I would use the lakes to swim as we did 20 years ago.
- 139: We very rarely use the Lakes. We would use beach more if it weren't for the itch.
- 152: I like to watch the ducks and geese, especially in the springtime when the babies are born.
- 170,189: Observing all of the above activities by others.
- 194: Walking, golfing, biking around and relaxing next to.
- 196: Every time I drive by, I appreciate our lakes and river. We must keep them clean!!!
- 197: Ice-skating.
- 207: Cross country skiing.
- 293: ATV
- 314: We don't use the lakes because of the water itch. Kids don't like to have a few hours of fun and a week or two weeks of sores afterward.
- 326: Amery? Bear Trap/Wapo resident. Don't use N/S Twin or Pike.
- 329: I do not use Amery Lakes. I own on Big Moon.

QUESTION #3: How many of each of the following watercraft do you use on the Lakes?

Survey# 1,11,

- 187,202: None
- 55: 40hp fishing boat.
- 112: Float inflatable.
- 142: Don't like to go in or on the water because too weedy and smelly.
- 170: A Jacques Cousteau portable pontoon.
- 185: Snowmobile.

QUESTION #6: What factors prompted your answers for the above questions 4 & 5?

Survey# 6: Phosphorus content.

- 32: Never paid attention.
- 88: We come from the suburbs of Chicago so to us the lakes are great compared to the lakes in Illinois.
- 142: S. Twin smells like a swamp.
- 149: Bogs, weeds and lily pads.
- 150: Too many weeds.
- 152: Amount of dead fish along shorelines.
- 170: Common complaint heard supporting why this city needs a tax supported swimming pool. Need more actual supported answer to the pool question too.

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- 189: Late in season, N. Twin is poor, varies with seasons, never crystal clear.
194: The water smells bad.
239: While hiking and walking the parks and roadways.
284: Lots of green early. Perhaps some is from the thousands of geese that winter in the shallow river and lakes. Are we addressing the mosquito carriers of disease from all the birds? We are not familiar enough to answer but I with the lakes do know too much emphasis is on the lakes and there's absolutely no swimming lessons for the youth.

QUESTION # 9: Which of the statements best describes safety concerns?

Survey#6,191: Too small for too large of motors.

- 43: MN boaters do not observe counter clockwise direction of traffic.
54: Slow/no wake not always observed.
67: Winter trucks, snowmobiles and ATV's too close to shore, (keep calling police). Staying in one place and running over our wild grass.
92,233: Noisy.
101: Boats too large and HP too high for lake size (N. Twin).
142: Swimmers itch, weeds, algae all are unsafe and gross.
147: Channel = boaters sometimes too fast.
150: You can't fish, jet skis next to fishermen.
151: Snowmobiles too close to fishermen, speed.
170: I'm not the average user (an 82 year old disabled vet and tax payer).
I like to feed the wild fowl at public places, sit on the bank at a flat or gentle slope area to fish and converse with the many young kids that fish S. Twin. Seldom see an adult there, no speedboats, lots of beer cans, no trashcans. Can't have everything, but could be better.
190: Jet skis terrible.
197: Snowmobiles too close to shore.
214: Water ski and Jet ski.
233: Personal watercraft.
238: Too many ski boats and jet skis going too fast and too close to others including swimmers and loons.
321: Driving too fast on the ice in the winter.
331: Jet skis violate space of others.

QUESTION #11: Which statement best describes current public access to each lake?

Survey# 1: Our property is in the way backwaters, all weeds, lilies and cattails.

- 15: Would like DNR to conduct water clarity & quality tests & post results on their website.
16: Too many geese and ducks, makes a very dirty lawn, a mess, and noise all summer.
29: The public landing near Shoreview Supper Club needs another slab of concrete to allow trailers to be backed in farther.
31: Poor lake conditions for a city that calls itself the city of lakes.

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- 36: I like the docks installed at York Park.
- 42: N. Twin landing is far too small.
- 48: N. Twin a very poor place for a boat landing right into a heavy traffic road. I am 80 years old and I have seen a lot of changes in the three lakes and Apple River and none of it is for the better. N. Twin boat landing use to be off a side road and that is where it should be today.
- 49: North Twin needs access other than off the highway 46.
- 53: It would be great to have walking paths around each lake like Mpls.
- 54: Longer and better docks would be nice.
- 56: I especially enjoy York Park and the proximity of Pike Lake. N. Twin very inviting for tourists.
- 64: Since S. Twin has swimmers itch we never attempt to use this lake, so I have limited info to draw from to answer some questions.
- 66: Algae and plant growth on the south side of Dam completely ends our ability to fish and enjoy the Apple River in this way. Canoeing is still ok.
- 78: Way too much weed growth in lake and the itch makes the use of the lake impossible.
- 81: Lakes are very important for our area, but because of our age now, we no longer use the lakes for recreational purposes. Years ago I used the lakes North and Pike very much. There was no swimmers itch (1930's) and A lot of good fishing.
- 82,233: Jet skis should not be allowed on any of the lakes.
- 84: I have a problem with the one on N. Twin with the Highway 46.
- 90: Description of the geographic area being studied would be helpful.
- 95: If possible without affecting the fish, I'd like to see chemical treatment of weeds to more permanently remove and control weeds.
- 97: Amery has given away land set aside for public access on Pike and N. Twin and the Apple River. I think it's a crime.
- 101: Need restrooms for public use.
- 108: Why wasn't there any weed harvesting done in 2002?
- 121: Would be nice if there was additional space at the N. Twin public access.
- 132: Need more fishing peers.
- 133: City of Lakes – NO Swimming!!!
- 150: Time maybe 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Should have a time to jet ski and for high hp boats. To race back and forth they don't have any respect for the still boats and don't are about the waves they cause.
- 152: When we moved here, we bought a house 3 blocks from Apple River and S. Twin and thought Great! WRONG!! Can't swim or let my dogs play in water cause they get covered in algae and bothered by the dreaded "itch".
- 165: Weeds and swimmers itch are my only complaints.
- 175: Boating rules posted at access. Lake depth, fish, etc.
- 183: I believe the planting along S. Twin along Harriman has eliminated children from fishing shoreline. It also looks terrible. The shoreline at

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- water's edge is filthy. The lake will be more like a swamp in a couple of decades.
- 191: There were times when the dock on Pike Lake was not adequately taken care of.
- 196: I am a senior citizen, so don't use the lakes much but do enjoy them and am concerned. Concerned by pollution from rafters and such on the river. It should be monitored better. I worked on the water study at the Northern Lakes Center for the Arts, it made me aware of the need on all of us to Take care of our lakes and river.
- 197: Very real need to reduce phosphate and nitrate levels through prevention and active removal such as harvesting and filtration.
- 201: Would there ever be a boat channel between North/South Twin on Baker St. to allow small craft passage? WAHOO!!
- 203: The docks are atrocious at the landings.
- 210: Reopen the current between N. and S. Twin by opening the viaduct to revitalize both the lakes.
- 214: Need new location for boat ramp on N. Twin and need to do something different for milfoil, because we are wasting money doing what we are doing. Need to spread that new material which will kill milfoil for 10 yrs.
- 235: North Twin has the best ramp in the county but lack of parking. The parking does not fit the size of the lake though.
- 238: #10, the plant growth on the s/sw end of Pike becomes VERY dense and impassible, including through channel to N. Twin Lake.
- 240: We never use the lakes. It's a shame not to swim because of water itch. It's a nice view from the road or dining a Shoreview.
- 251: I don't live on or by the lakes as I'm closer to the river and that looks green most of the summer and very smelly.
- 285: We do a lot of boating but not in town because the boat landings are too small and there is nowhere to park a truck and trailer.
- 289: Very disappointed beach closed at S. Twin.
- 298: Better since York Park available.
- 314: I have lived in Amery since 1992 and I have always wondered why the town has not done something about the beach. I have to go to either Clear Lake or Balsam Lake for my kids to swim. It seems to me, Amery really Doesn't are about the kids in the community. Our beaches stand empty on great days while other beaches are crowded.
- 321: It would be good to have access where there isn't so much traffic. Hwy 46 are busy winter and summer.

QUESTION #13: List in order of importance the actions the Lake District should take to deal with your concerns for each lake.

Survey # 5,25,
29,40,43,53,
62,64,74,78,

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83,98,113,119,

121,126,133,

136,141,144,

152,159,160,

165,177,178,

180,182,184,

187,188,194,

196,201,215,

290,295,314: Eliminate swimmers itch.

20,163,254: Clean up, improve quality.

27: Pike, Perfect mix. North Twin, seems weed choked on North edge border peninsula out from shore to about 30 to 50 feet.

46: Is it possible to make beach visible?

53: (E), It looks like you're trying to do that along S. Twin Lake. It's un-attractive right now, (especially orange fence).

65: Don't use the lakes enough to answer.

66: Limit and control aquatic weed growth.

67: Have a law to keep snowmobiles, trucks and ATV's away from shore. Just like boats. Have some pictures.

68,178: Make the swimming beach more usable.

83: Ducks and Geese = Fall

88: We like the weeds, it would be nice if they were thinned.

90: Septic testing and horse power limit.

92: Regulate speed and size of watercraft. Ban ski jets.

97: Surface water run off.

109: Spray weeds.

122: Limit noise levels of personal craft.

126: Address surface water run off that enters lakes (ie may contain motor oil, etc.)

131: Work on street run off holding tanks for sediments. Establish and post traffic rules such as right hand circling.

133: Clean the beach!!

134: Treat for safe swimming.

142: Get rid of algae and weeds.

153: Stop feeding ducks.

170: A safe dock for feeding waterfowl by children and seniors.

183: Return shoreline to original along Harriman.

184: Limit use of jet skis.

194,219: Algae control.

197: Long term.

201: All help each other with proper management.

210: Dredge the sediment.

216: Establish adjacent public parks.

218: Loon protection.

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- 230: Get rid of ducks.
- 240: Common sense, care and use.
- 295: Do fish survey.
- 299: We can't swim in it so we do not use it. We swim up at Half Moon and fish. Use other lakes in county to fish.
- 300: Get rid of the ducks so kids can swim.

QUESTION#14: What would you like to see changed?

Survey # 1: Less motorized craft! Except pontoons or canoes.

- 5,6,7,21,24,
- 58,82,113,126,
- 127,144,150,
- 154,157,177,
- 196,215,228,
- 229,291,293,
- 295,314,330,
- 331: Eliminate water itch.
- 15: Our bay has too many lily pads and too mucky. Would like to see improvements made.
- 16: To get rid of geese and ducks.
- 27: Like to see more harvesting of plants in North Twin Lake from shoreline to about 20 feet out on north and south, southeast shores leaving deeper weed lines for fish cover.
- 29: Discourage overpopulation of ducks, which seems to contribute to the big swimmers itch problem.
- 30,60,108,113,
- 122,133,155,
- 165,179,189: More weed control.
- 31: The mayor of Amery.
- 34: Limit fertilizer near lakes. Some sort of policing of heavy traffic.
- 36: I think you folks are doing a great job. Thanks for all you do!
- 37: Improvement of landing area for N. Twin access, on and off the lake is difficult not to mention no staging area for properly securing boats.
- 41: Communication with community.
- 42: Reduction of weeds, how can we stop them from growing so vigorously? And water clarity.
- 46: We don't use the lakes very much, however, I would like to see S. Twin in a condition that people could swim in the lake. It seems like the past few years, people have not been able to enjoy the Amery beach in any way.
- 48: Too many weeds. The entire lakes are becoming weed beds as Apple River is.
- 53: I would like to be able to swim in a lake. Our citizens won't build an in-

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- door pool because we have all these lakes, yet they feed the ducks and promote swimmers itch.
- 54: Reducing vegetation in "the narrows" would be nice.
- 56: Very pleased with fishing pier for handicapped.
- 62: S. Twin is in Wise Brochures as having one of the finest beach areas, but you can't go in the water!!!
- 64: I am very disappointed that we cannot swim in our lakes, N. and S. Twin, due to swimmers itch. Please get rid of it so we can use our lakes!
- 66: Is there any way the waters can be kept from turning quite so green after July 4th every year?
- 67: Same as answer in question 13.
- 68: Have a nice swimming beach somewhere.
- 72: Hope things don't get any worse. More people are going to change things.
- 78: Dredge S. Twin so weeds wouldn't be so heavy.
- 81: The ability to use the beaches for swimming.
- 84: Would like to see a channel between N. and S. Twin for boats.
- 85: Can't something be done to deter so many mallards from messing up the lakes? Their droppings cause S. Twin to be unsafe for swimming.
- 86: Weed control, harvesting seems to make weeds thicker.
- 88: Smelly bogs removed.
- 90: Shore land zoning within city limits to loose. Need more strict laws for better protection.
- 92: Purchase Burman Point.
- 151: Purchase and preserve "Burman's Woods" to prevent undesirable residential development.
- 93: Weed harvesting and stocking.
- 94: It would be great to have access to N. Twin for swimming. Has anyone thought of a beach area off of the old railroad bed?
- 95: See comments #11.
- 97: Horsepower limits on lakes. Periods for motorized traffic and periods for non-motorized.
- 101: Answer same as question 9.
- 102: Harvest aquatic weeds, cut up and haul away! Too Much.
- 105: I think questionnaire should have included concerns on water fowl and geese on S. Twin.
- 107: Quit spending good money for the weed choppers. Waste of time and money, plus the fishing is done far after they go through.
- 111: A railing, or similar idea for you to get out of boats.
- 115,117,212: I wish the river could have been included in this.
- 118: Some program started to begin "controlling and leading" to eliminate the choking weeds seen in mid to late summer.
- 119,131: Limit motor size on Pike and N. Twin.
- 134: Would like to see S. Twin useable for children swimming.

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- 136: Water quality in S. Twin.
- 139: I'm tired of not being able to swim at beach. If itch can't be controlled, build a new beach!! Should be able to take a dip without having to drive way out of town!! Mechanical plant (weed) harvesting – what a joke! Same weeds each year, then they grow back. If you are going to spend All that money every year, why not try to get rid of them all together? (shore line by culvert on S. Twin).
- 142: Cleaner, clearer water that does not stink. Reduce weeds so they don't grow out the surface of the water.
- 147: Other than too many weeds on shorelines, we like what has been done.
- 149: Weed patches removed on N. Twin. Pike and narrows cleaned up – weeds, wood debris, lily pads, bogs and etc.
- 150: What a shame, too many weeds. The lakes are getting like the Apple River. I fished the Apple and Pike about 20 years. It gets worse as time goes by.
- 154: But I will admit, I enjoy the waterfowl.
- 157: Beach is a waste due to swimmers itch.
- 159: Beach back in use.
- 160: All Amery residents should have recreational access to the water, especially children during the summer. South Twin needs to be cleaned up. Other towns and cities can maintain their water resources. Help with planning is available.
- 164: Better signage for public access to all lakes. DNR check for milfoil.
- 165: Let people kill weed at their property out 100 feet, spray.
- 168: The north shoreline on S. Twin.
- 169: Vegetation.
- 171: Eliminate fertilizer and waste run off that contaminates and encourages weed growth.
- 178: Hwy 46 constructed away from N. Twin shoreline. Reduce run off into N. Twin from this roadway.
- 184: Remove harvested aquatic weeds at time of harvest. Now weeds drift to shoreline, a big mess to clean up.
- 186: NO GARBAGE.
- 189: Improve water level control. Lakes sometimes become too high or low.
- 190: Out law jet skis. Prohibit 100hp motors.
- 191: Eliminate jet skiers on small lakes. Reduce speed limit on Pike to protect shore from washing away.
- 194: I would like to see clearer, better smelling, less weed choked lakes. S. Twin is nearly a swamp, not a lake. Algae bloom is a major problem.
- 195: Anything that will help the people who live directly on shoreline.
- 196,319: Something should be done so the children have a good safe, life guarded beach.
- 197: Same answer as in question 11.
- 201: Reopen channel from Apple River through N. Twin feeding into S. Twin.

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- Water quality was much better and itch was limited.
- 203: More patrol by sheriff and DNR. More restriction on resort shoreline.
- 209: Need better landings, stocking, more respect towards the lake. Don't throw pop cans in the lake etc.
- 210: The levee, railroad bed, now ATV trail has almost killed S. Twin's viability. Reopen it.
- 213: No personal watercraft.
- 214: How you are dealing with milfoil?
- 218: Be sure loon protection continues.
- 219: Clean the weeds, plant growth in N. Twin and Pike and establish a beach area at both lakes.
- 222: I would like to use the lakes, but consider them poor.
- 223: We received this because we are a member through assessment on property taxes. We do pay our assessment, but live on the beautiful Apple River. Why aren't there questions about the water quality of the River?? It too makes Amery a beautiful place to live and needs to be taken care of!!
- 224: The Amery beach on S. Twin cleaned up and maintained.
- 226: Put in Public restrooms at the boat landings.
- 229: Not well enough informed to make a statement.
- 233: No jet skis allowed. Water skiing chases away fishermen. Too small a lake for those activities on Pike Lake.
- 235: I would like to see a hp limit on boats for these lakes. Also weeds need to be reduced.
- 238: Clean up aquatic weeds on S. end of Pike Lake and thru channel to N. Twin and into areas of Pike Lake to the west. Too many water lilies. On N. Twin Lake, vegetation underwater gets very dense in summer. Some regulations enforced regarding safety.
- 239: I have noticed along the Apple River (in town) the natural shoreline being changed by homeowners building new homes along the river.
- 240: Be able to swim.
- 269: Clean the water to free of parasites and pests (geese) so people can swim again.
- 272: Do not use pesticides or fertilizers on lawns next to lake.
- 284: Amery needs a safe place to teach swimming to the youth and Seniors, more than we need more parks.
- 295: Weeds gone so boat motors an actually make it across the lake without getting clogged.
- 297: More shoreline buffer zone to control urban run off.
- 299: Swimming pretty much a lost cause.
- 308: Don't charge me taxes for something I don't use.
- 309: I think algae is the most problem.
- 331: Lakes brought back to a more natural state. Less algae, less swimmers itch, less intense motorboat and jet ski use.

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QUESTION#15: What is the best way for the Lake District to communicate with you?

Survey# 67: In person

115: AFP (ha, ha).

120: Local TV.

131,170,296: Go on WXCE with ½ hour info program one a month.

299: Really not interested.

QUESTION#16: Do you have special skills that could assist the Lake District in providing better lake management use?

Survey# 136: Can conduct recreational clinics related to water activities where I Educate about resource use and minimal impact practices.

170: I've been told I'm a good critic and observer.

210: Insurance and contractual expertise.

218: I'm a chemical engineer specializing in industrial and utility water.

QUESTION#17: Would you be willing to volunteer for Lake District projects?

Survey # 12: Possibly, I am not much help, but you do a good job.

40: Depends on project.

53: Perhaps 2 years from now I'll have more time.

66: I enjoy gardening and would consider helping with shoreline maintenance for beautification or preservation purposes.

189: Too old, but very interested in lake conditions and management.

Thank you for the questionnaire.

298: Thank you for the input. I love the outdoors, lake included.

APPENDIX M

City of Amery -- Community Development Survey Results

CITY OF AMERY

**Community Development
Survey Results**

NOVEMBER 2000

WITH ASSISTANCE FROM:

CEDAR CORPORATION
604 WILSON AVENUE
MENOMONIE, WI 54751
715-235-9081

CITY OF AMERY
Community Development Survey Results

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SURVEY METHODOLOGY

This community wide survey for the City of Amery was developed by Cedar Corporation and the City. The intent of the survey is to develop an understanding of public needs and opinions and to determine the percent of low and moderate income households in the community. This information will be used to update the City's Comprehensive Plan and to apply for federal grant programs.

A community wide mailing of the survey began in November 2000 using a list of household addresses compiled by City staff, the housing authority and planning commission. A map of the entire City can be found in Attachment A. Due to the difficulty in surveying the nursing home residents, the nursing home administrators were asked to submit information regarding their total number of residents and income status. Press and media releases were also sent to the Amery Free Press, Amery Telecom and WXCE Radio to inform residents about the community survey.

The questionnaire results were tabulated by Cedar Corporation. The Low to Moderate Income (L.M.I.) category is determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 8 income levels, which are based upon 80% of the county median. The L.M.I. level varies by household size as outlined below:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>L.M.I. if Annual Earnings are Less Than:</u>
1 person	\$26,150
2 persons	\$29,900
3 persons	\$33,600
4 persons	\$37,350
5 persons	\$40,350
6 persons	\$43,350
7 persons	\$46,350
8 or more	\$49,300

A select set of survey responses is summarized on page 2 of this report. Total survey tabulations (not including nursing home data) can be found in Attachment C.

According to the study, there are 1411 total dwelling units in the City which is an increase when compared to the 1991 community wide survey count of 1171. A total of 724 valid surveys were received for a response rate of 51.9%. Of those responding, 372 or 51.38% were L.M.I. For a community of this size, a response rate of 40% and a 51% L.M.I. status are required by the Department of Commerce to apply for federal funds.

Attachment D contains a complete compilation of resident comments.

SELECTED RESPONSES

City of Amery Community Survey-Fall 2000

BASE DATA

	Returned Responses	Nursing Home	TOTAL
TOTAL DWELLING UNITS	1298	113	1411
VACANT UNITS	16	0	16
TOTAL OCCUPIED DWELLING UNITS	1282	113	1395

SURVEY RESPONSES

TOTAL VALID SURVEY RESPONSES	611	113	724
RESPONSE RATE	47.66%	100.00%	51.90%

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POPULATION

POPULATION OF RESPONDING HOUSEHOLDS	1259	113	1372
AVERAGE POPULATION PER HOUSEHOLD	2.06	1.00	1.90
NUMBER OF PERSONS AGE 62 +	417	113	530
NUMBER OF LMI PERSONS AGE 62 +	248	83	331
HOUSEHOLDS W/HANDICAPPED PERSONS*	74	-	74
HOUSEHOLDS W/LMI HANDICAPPED PERSONS*	47	-	47

INCOME

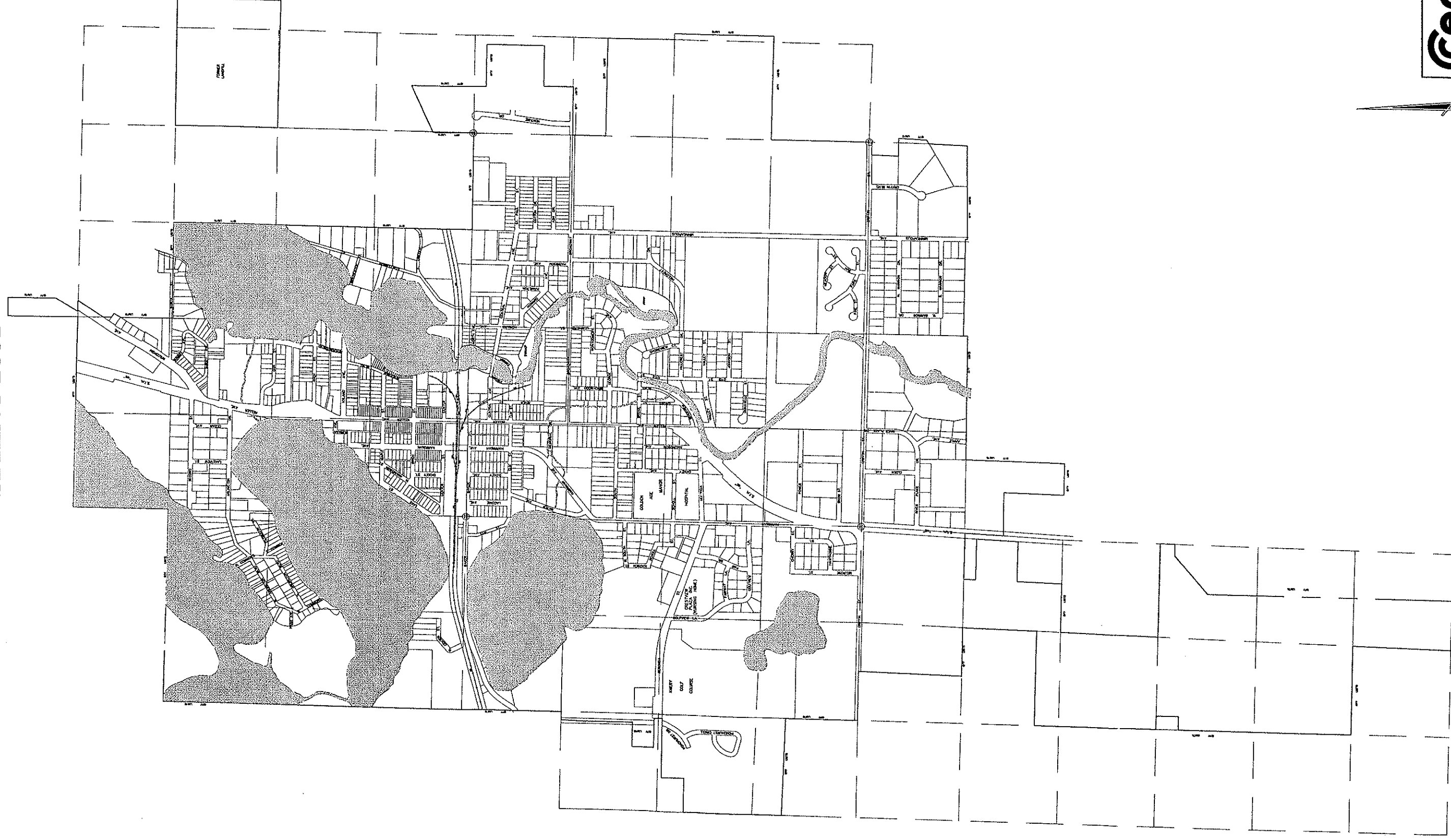
NUMBER OF RESPONDING LMI HOUSEHOLDS	289	83	372
LMI HOUSEHOLDS AS A PERCENT OF ALL RESPONDING HOUSEHOLDS IN DISTRICT	47.30%	73.45%	51.38%
NUMBER OF LMI PERSONS	559	83	642

*Data not available

ATTACHMENT A

City Map of Amery

CITY OF AMERY COMMUNITY SURVEY SPRING 2001



ATTACHMENT B
Blank Survey Instrument

CITY OF AMERY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

FALL 2000

Dear Resident of Amery:

The City of Amery requests your opinions on various needs and issues in the community. By taking a few minutes to complete this questionnaire, you will help determine the type of place your community will be in the future. Results of the survey will be tabulated by Cedar Corporation of Menomonie, Wisconsin. No names will be made public. Only the combined tabulated data will be made available to the City. This data may help Amery obtain grant funding for housing and public facilities improvements as well develop the City's Comprehensive Plan. Please complete your survey and mail it in the envelope provided. **We are asking that the surveys be returned no later than November 30, 2000.** If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk at 268-7486.

Thank you,
Mayor Harvey Stower, City Council and Plan Commission

COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES

1. Check the public and private services that you feel are inadequate for your household (check all that apply).

- | | |
|--|---|
| a. ☐ Water | g. ☐ Medical services |
| b. ☐ Sewer | h. ☐ Dental services |
| c. ☐ Street maintenance | i. ☐ Ambulance services |
| d. ☐ Police protection | j. ☐ Garbage collection |
| e. ☐ Fire protection | k. ☐ Senior citizen services |
| f. ☐ Library services | l. ☐ School system |

2. If any of the above areas of service were identified as inadequate, please explain why:

3. Is there a need for a park in your neighborhood? 1. ☐ Yes 2. ☐ No

4. Please rate the park facilities in the City park system (please circle below):

	Adequate	Needs Improvement	Not Available	Don't Know
a. Playground equipment	1	2	3	4
b. Benches and picnic tables	1	2	3	4
c. Ballfields	1	2	3	4
d. Sheltered area	1	2	3	4
e. Tennis courts	1	2	3	4
f. Parking	1	2	3	4

5. Is there a need for a municipal swimming pool in your community? 1. ☐ Yes 2. ☐ No

6. If so, would you be in favor of (please check one):

- a. ☐ An indoor pool located at the high school
b. ☐ An indoor pool as part of a hotel or health club
c. ☐ An outdoor pool
d. ☐ An outdoor aquatic park

7. Do you feel shopping facilities in Amery are adequate for the following:

- a. Food/groceries 1. ☐ Yes 2. ☐ No

- b. Medicine 1. _____ Yes 2. _____ No
c. Banks 1. _____ Yes 2. _____ No
d. Auto service 1. _____ Yes 2. _____ No
e. Clothing 1. _____ Yes 2. _____ No
f. Restaurants 1. _____ Yes 2. _____ No
8. What additional types of stores would you like to see in Amery (check all that apply)?
1. _____ Clothing/shoe store 5. _____ Hardware
2. _____ Surplus store 6. _____ Auto dealer
3. _____ Restaurants 7. _____ Other _____
4. _____ Grocery
9. Do you feel there are an adequate number of child day care facilities in the City:
1. _____ Yes 2. _____ No 3. _____ No Opinion
10. How often do you spend \$25.00 or more in Amery on groceries or dry goods, not including gasoline? (Check one)
1. _____ 3 times/week or more 5. _____ Once per month
2. _____ 2 times/week 6. _____ Once every 6 months
3. _____ Once per week 7. _____ Never
4. _____ Every two weeks
11. How many meals per week do members of your household eat at restaurants in Amery?
1. _____ Less than 3 3. _____ More than 7
2. _____ 3-7
12. When you cannot buy groceries or dry goods in Amery that you desire, what is the first city you go to for such items? (Check one)
a. _____ Twin Cities d. _____ Stillwater g. _____ Rice Lake
b. _____ New Richmond e. _____ Clear Lake h. _____ St. Croix Falls
c. _____ Hudson f. _____ Baldwin i. _____ Other _____
13. Do you currently bank: 1. _____ In Amery 2. _____ Out of Amery
14. Is there adequate parking in the central business district?
1. _____ Yes 2. _____ No 3. _____ No Opinion
15. Is there a need to improve any of the following in the Amery central business district?
1. _____ Streets 4. _____ Lighting
2. _____ Store fronts 5. _____ Seating (benches)
3. _____ Sidewalks 6. _____ Other _____

HOUSING ISSUES

16. What type of home do you live in?
1. _____ Single family house 2. _____ Apartment, duplex, etc. 3. _____ Other _____
17. Do you own or rent your home? 1. _____ Own 2. _____ Rent
18. Please write the street address of your home here: _____

19. To the best of your knowledge, when was your home built?

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| 1. ☐ Before 1940 | 4. ☐ 1960-1978 |
| 2. ☐ 1940-1949 | 5. ☐ After 1978 |
| 3. ☐ 1950-1959 | |

20. Do any of the following need repair or replacement? (Check all that apply)

1. ☐ Heating
2. ☐ Plumbing
3. ☐ Electrical
4. ☐ Doors/windows
5. ☐ Siding
6. ☐ Roof
7. ☐ Foundation/structure (including interior walls, floors, ceilings)
8. ☐ Sewer/water lateral (service pipe to your home) or well/septic

21. If you currently own your home, would you be willing to apply for a 0% deferred payment loan from the City to make needed repairs to your home?

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. ☐ Yes | 2. ☐ No | 3. ☐ Don't Know |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|

22. If you currently rent your home or apartment, would you purchase a home in Amery if you could receive a 0% deferred loan from the City for \$12,000-\$15,000 to help with the down payment, closing costs, and needed repairs?

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. ☐ Yes | 2. ☐ No | 3. ☐ Don't Know |
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23. If the City participated in a rental housing project, would you be willing to pay 30% of your monthly income for modern housing for your family?

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| 1. ☐ Yes | 2. ☐ No |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|

24. Would you be willing to move into a rental housing project apartment if one were available?

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. ☐ Yes | 2. ☐ No |
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25. Are there people in your household who are physically disabled?

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. ☐ Yes | 2. ☐ No |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|

26. If, at the present time, there is a physically disabled person in your home, would you accept a 0% deferred payment loan from the City to make it more accessible for that person?

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. ☐ Yes | 2. ☐ No | 3. ☐ Don't Know |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|

Improvements needed: _____

27. If you think your community needs additional housing, please check the type of house needed. (Check all that apply)

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|--|---|
| 1. ☐ Single-family houses | 5. ☐ Moderate-rent housing |
| 2. ☐ Multi-family rental apartments | 6. ☐ High-rent housing |
| 3. ☐ Elderly housing | 7. ☐ Condominiums |
| 4. ☐ Low-rent housing | 8. ☐ Mobile homes |
| | 9. ☐ Independent living facilities |

28. If you think the City needs additional housing, what area of the community would you like it to expand into? (Check all that apply)

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. ☐ Southeast | 3. ☐ Southwest |
| 2. ☐ Northeast | 4. ☐ Northwest |

29. Based on your family needs, how much would you be willing to pay per month for rent?

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|---|---|
| 1. ☐ Less than \$300 | 4. ☐ \$500 - \$599 |
| 2. ☐ \$300 - \$399 | 5. ☐ \$600 - \$699 |
| 3. ☐ \$400 - \$499 | 6. ☐ \$700+ |

PUBLIC FACILITIES

30. Do you have a concrete sidewalk in front of your home? 1. ☐ Yes 2. ☐ No
31. If you don't have a concrete sidewalk, would you like one? 1. ☐ Yes 2. ☐ No
32. If you do have a sidewalk, what is its condition?
1. ☐ Good condition 2. ☐ Few cracks 3. ☐ Badly cracked, uneven
33. What is the street condition in front of your house?
1. ☐ Good 2. ☐ Cracked or uneven 3. ☐ Badly cracked, uneven
34. Does the street in front of your home need any of the following? (Check all that apply)
1. ☐ Storm sewer (better drainage) 5. ☐ Sanitary sewer repairs
2. ☐ Street repairs 6. ☐ Water system improvements
3. ☐ Street lights 7. ☐ Curb and gutter
4. ☐ Sidewalk constructed/repaired
35. How often does your yard or street on your block flood or have standing water?
1. ☐ Never 2. ☐ 1-2 times per year 3. ☐ 3 or more times per year
36. If you have a basement, has it had water in it during the past year?
1. ☐ Never 2. ☐ 1-2 times per year 3. ☐ 3 or more times per year
37. If yes, how much water have you had?
1. ☐ Damp wall/floors 2. ☐ Less than 6 inches 3. ☐ More than 6 inches
38. How frequently has the water reached this level in your basement in the last year?
1. ☐ One occasion 3. ☐ More than 5 occasions
2. ☐ 2-5 occasions 4. ☐ Continually
39. Do you use a sump pump? 1. ☐ Yes 2. ☐ No
40. Check any of the water problems that you have in your home. (Check all that apply)
1. ☐ Low water pressure 4. ☐ Low sudsing, hard water
2. ☐ Discolored/stained fixtures 5. ☐ Other _____
3. ☐ Poor taste or smell
41. What material is the water lateral (service pipe) to your home?
1. ☐ Galvanized 4. ☐ Don't Know
2. ☐ Copper 5. ☐ Other _____
3. ☐ Plastic
42. Have you experienced any problems with your sewer, such as backing up or other problem?
1. ☐ Yes 2. ☐ No 3. ☐ Don't Know

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

43. How long have you lived in Amery?
1. ☐ 0-5 years 3. ☐ 11-20 years
2. ☐ 6-10 years 4. ☐ More than 20 years
44. Please provide the number of people for each group in your household:
1. ☐ Ages 0-18 3. ☐ Ages 40-61
2. ☐ Ages 19-39 4. ☐ Ages 62+
45. Please indicate the number of vehicles you have at your household:

1. _____ 1 vehicle
2. _____ 2 vehicles

3. _____ 3 or more
4. _____ None

EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD: (These questions need to be answered for your survey to be counted).

46. Are there any children under 6 years of age in your household? 1. _____ Yes 2. _____ No
47. Check your household size in the left-hand column and indicate (on the same line as your household size) your **TOTAL** household income as being either **BELOW, WITHIN OR ABOVE** the income range listed for your household size.

a. Household Size	INCOME RANGE	b. Below Range	c. Within Range	d. Above Range
_____ 1 person	\$16,350 - \$26,150			
_____ 2 people	\$18,700 - \$29,900			
_____ 3 people	\$21,000 - \$33,600			
_____ 4 people	\$23,350 - \$37,350			
_____ 5 people	\$25,200 - \$40,350			
_____ 6 people	\$27,100 - \$43,350			
_____ 7 people	\$28,950 - \$46,350			
_____ 8 people	\$30,800 - \$49,300			

CITY PLANNING ISSUES

48. Do you feel pre-planning of land uses by a community is desirable? 1. _____ Yes 2. _____ No
49. Wisconsin law allows a City to plan and zone (in cooperation with neighboring townships) for land within 1-1/2 miles of its limits. Should Amery plan for this area adjacent to the City?
1. _____ Yes 2. _____ No
50. As the City develops, should land be set aside for parks in developing areas?
1. _____ Yes 2. _____ No
51. At what rate would you like to see Amery's population grow in the next 10 years?
1. _____ No growth 4. _____ Fast
2. _____ Slow 5. _____ No opinion
3. _____ Moderate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

52. Do you think there is a need for more industry in Amery?
1. _____ Yes 2. _____ No 3. _____ Maybe

53. How important is it to you to see more work opportunities provided in the Amery area?

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. _____ Very important | 3. _____ Not important |
| 2. _____ Somewhat important | 4. _____ No opinion |

54. Please identify the employment status of all household members age 18 or older:

of Household
Members over 18

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. Employed full-time | _____ |
| b. Employed part-time, seeking full-time work | _____ |
| c. Employed part-time, not seeking full-time work | _____ |
| d. Have no paying job, seeking part-time or full-time work | _____ |
| e. Have no paying job, not seeking employment | _____ |
| f. TOTAL (should equal number in household over age 18) | _____ |

55. How many people in your household over age 18 are employed in the following communities?

Employed

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| a. Amery | _____ |
| b. Clear Lake/Clayton | _____ |
| c. St. Croix Falls | _____ |
| d. Balsam Lake | _____ |
| e. Baldwin | _____ |
| f. New Richmond | _____ |
| g. Twin Cities | _____ |
| h. Other _____ | _____ |

56. Do you favor the City applying for Federal grants for improvements in housing, public facilities, water and sewer, park improvements, and economic development incentives for job creation?

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|--------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 1. _____ Yes | 2. _____ No | 3. _____ No opinion |
|--------------|-------------|---------------------|

LIST OTHER IDEAS AND CONCERNS

57. The City Council and Plan Commission encourages your comments. Please write comments below. Feel free to expand on any of the issues in the survey.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

ATTACHMENT C

Survey Tabulation Results
(Total, L.M.I. and non-L.M.I. responses)

**CITY OF AMERY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SURVEY
FALL 2000**

Dear Resident of Amery:

The City of Amery requests your opinions on various needs and issues in the community. By taking a few minutes to complete this questionnaire, you will help determine the type of place your community will be in the future. Results of the survey will be tabulated by Cedar Corporation of Menomonie, Wisconsin. No names will be made public. Only the combined tabulated data will be made available to the City. This data may help Amery obtain grant funding for housing and public facilities improvements as well develop the City's Comprehensive Plan. Please complete your survey and mail it in the envelope provided. We are asking that the surveys be returned no later than November 30, 2000. If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk at 268-7486.

Thank you,
Mayor Harvey Stower, City Council and Plan Commission

COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES

1. Check the public and private services that you feel are inadequate for your household (check all that apply).

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| a. <u>9.8%</u> Water | g. <u>6.7%</u> Medical services |
| b. <u>8.3%</u> Sewer | h. <u>7.7%</u> Dental services |
| c. <u>18.5%</u> Street maintenance | i. <u>4.6%</u> Ambulance services |
| d. <u>7.9%</u> Police protection | j. <u>5.7%</u> Garbage collection |
| e. <u>4.7%</u> Fire protection | k. <u>5.7%</u> Senior citizen services |
| f. <u>4.7%</u> Library services | l. <u>6.9%</u> School system |

2. If any of the above areas of service were identified as inadequate, please explain why:

See attached survey comments

3. Is there a need for a park in your neighborhood? 1. 9.8% Yes 2. 84.8% No

4. Please rate the park facilities in the City park system (please circle below):

	Adequate	Needs Improvement	Not Available	Don't Know
a. Playground equipment	62.7%	10.1%	0.7%	13.7%
b. Benches and picnic tables	59.6%	15.1%	0.8%	11.5%
c. Ballfields	51.9%	16.7%	1.3%	15.5%
d. Sheltered area	58.9%	14.1%	1.0%	11.3%
e. Tennis courts	69.6%	3.6%	0.5%	11.5%
f. Parking	63.3%	12.6%	0.7%	9.2%

5. Is there a need for a municipal swimming pool in your community? 1. 69.7% Yes 2. 26.2% No

6. If so, would you be in favor of (please check one):

- a. 39.6% An indoor pool located at the high school
b. 26.2% An indoor pool as part of a hotel or health club
c. 8.5% An outdoor pool
d. 6.9% An outdoor aquatic park

7. Do you feel shopping facilities in Amery are adequate for the following:
- | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| a. Food/groceries | 1. <u>36.0%</u> Yes | 2. <u>58.3%</u> No |
| b. Medicine | 1. <u>85.8%</u> Yes | 2. <u>5.4%</u> No |
| c. Banks | 1. <u>85.8%</u> Yes | 2. <u>5.9%</u> No |
| d. Auto service | 1. <u>70.4%</u> Yes | 2. <u>17.2%</u> No |
| e. Clothing | 1. <u>19.0%</u> Yes | 2. <u>75.8%</u> No |
| f. Restaurants | 1. <u>61.2%</u> Yes | 2. <u>31.1%</u> No |
8. What additional types of stores would you like to see in Amery (check all that apply)?
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. <u>75.0%</u> Clothing/shoe store | 5. <u>1.3%</u> Hardware |
| 2. <u>20.3%</u> Surplus store | 6. <u>5.4%</u> Auto dealer |
| 3. <u>29.1%</u> Restaurants | 7. <u>8.5%</u> Other <u>See attached comments</u> |
| 4. <u>58.4%</u> Grocery | |
9. Do you feel there are an adequate number of child day care facilities in the City:
- | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <u>15.5%</u> Yes | 2. <u>15.1%</u> No | 3. <u>64.0%</u> No Opinion |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
10. How often do you spend \$25.00 or more in Amery on groceries or dry goods, not including gasoline? (Check one)
- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. <u>23.4%</u> 3 times/week or more | 5. <u>5.4%</u> Once per month |
| 2. <u>27.3%</u> 2 times/week | 6. <u>1.6%</u> Once every 6 months |
| 3. <u>30.1%</u> Once per week | 7. <u>1.8%</u> Never |
| 4. <u>8.5%</u> Every two weeks | |
11. How many meals per week do members of your household eat at restaurants in Amery?
- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <u>75.0%</u> Less than 3 | 3. <u>1.8%</u> More than 7 |
| 2. <u>19.0%</u> 3-7 | |
12. When you cannot buy groceries or dry goods in Amery that you desire, what is the first city you go to for such items? (Check one)
- | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| a. <u>22.4%</u> Twin Cities | d. <u>22.9%</u> Stillwater | g. <u>15.1%</u> Rice Lake |
| b. <u>9.8%</u> New Richmond | e. <u>11.8%</u> Clear Lake | h. <u>33.4%</u> St. Croix Falls |
| c. <u>5.2%</u> Hudson | f. <u>0.7%</u> Baldwin | i. <u>3.3%</u> Other <u>See attached comments</u> |
13. Do you currently bank: 1. 90.7% In Amery 2. 12.8% Out of Amery
14. Is there adequate parking in the central business district?
- | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <u>71.4%</u> Yes | 2. <u>14.1%</u> No | 3. <u>11.6%</u> No Opinion |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
15. Is there a need to improve any of the following in the Amery central business district?
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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. <u>13.1%</u> Streets | 4. <u>4.3%</u> Lighting |
| 2. <u>9.8%</u> Store fronts | 5. <u>10.3%</u> Seating (benches) |
| 3. <u>9.7%</u> Sidewalks | 6. <u>5.6%</u> Other <u>See attached comments</u> |

HOUSING ISSUES

16. What type of home do you live in?
- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. <u>65.5%</u> Single family house | 2. <u>20.3%</u> Apartment, duplex, etc. | 3. <u>11.9%</u> Other <u>See attached comments</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
17. Do you own or rent your home? 1. 75.8% Own 2. 18.2% Rent
18. Please write the street address of your home here: _____

19. To the best of your knowledge, when was your home built?

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| 1. <u>15.4%</u> Before 1940 | 4. <u>25.0%</u> 1960-1978 |
| 2. <u>7.2%</u> 1940-1949 | 5. <u>30.9%</u> After 1978 |
| 3. <u>10.1%</u> 1950-1959 | |

20. Do any of the following need repair or replacement? (Check all that apply)

1. 4.7% Heating
2. 4.4% Plumbing
3. 7.7% Electrical
4. 20.0% Doors/windows
5. 11.3% Siding
6. 13.1% Roof
7. 8.5% Foundation/structure (including interior walls, floors, ceilings)
8. 2.5% Sewer/water lateral (service pipe to your home) or well/septic

21. If you currently own your home, would you be willing to apply for a 0% deferred payment loan from the City to make needed repairs to your home?

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|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <u>21.6%</u> Yes | 2. <u>33.2%</u> No | 3. <u>19.5%</u> Don't Know |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|

22. If you currently rent your home or apartment, would you purchase a home in Amery if you could receive a 0% deferred loan from the City for \$12,000-\$15,000 to help with the down payment, closing costs, and needed repairs?

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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. <u>8.0%</u> Yes | 2. <u>16.2%</u> No | 3. <u>7.5%</u> Don't Know |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|

23. If the City participated in a rental housing project, would you be willing to pay 30% of your monthly income for modern housing for your family?

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. <u>20.0%</u> Yes | 2. <u>43.9%</u> No |
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24. Would you be willing to move into a rental housing project apartment if one were available?

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. <u>12.4%</u> Yes | 2. <u>54.8%</u> No |
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25. Are there people in your household who are physically disabled?

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. <u>12.1%</u> Yes | 2. <u>77.4%</u> No |
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26. If, at the present time, there is a physically disabled person in your home, would you accept a 0% deferred payment loan from the City to make it more accessible for that person?

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|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <u>5.1%</u> Yes | 2. <u>16.9%</u> No | 3. <u>13.9%</u> Don't Know |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|

Improvements needed: See attached comments

27. If you think your community needs additional housing, please check the type of house needed. (Check all that apply)

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|---|---|
| 1. <u>27.5%</u> Single-family houses | 5. <u>32.4%</u> Moderate-rent housing |
| 2. <u>9.3%</u> Multi-family rental apartments | 6. <u>1.6%</u> High-rent housing |
| 3. <u>17.3%</u> Elderly housing | 7. <u>7.2%</u> Condominiums |
| 4. <u>20.1%</u> Low-rent housing | 8. <u>2.6%</u> Mobile homes |
| | 9. <u>14.9%</u> Independent living facilities |

28. If you think the City needs additional housing, what area of the community would you like it to expand into? (Check all that apply)

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. <u>27.3%</u> Southeast | 3. <u>26.2%</u> Southwest |
| 2. <u>12.6%</u> Northeast | 4. <u>14.2%</u> Northwest |

29. Based on your family needs, how much would you be willing to pay per month for rent?

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. <u>14.7%</u> Less than \$300 | 4. <u>11.0%</u> \$500 - \$599 |
| 2. <u>10.1%</u> \$300 - \$399 | 5. <u>3.8%</u> \$600 - \$699 |
| 3. <u>10.8%</u> \$400 - \$499 | 6. <u>3.3%</u> \$700+ |

PUBLIC FACILITIES

30. Do you have a concrete sidewalk in front of your home? 1. 36.3% Yes 2. 56.3% No
31. If you don't have a concrete sidewalk, would you like one? 1. 8.3% Yes 2. 48.8% No
32. If you do have a sidewalk, what is its condition?
1. 18.0% Good condition 2. 14.1% Few cracks 3. 4.4% Badly cracked, uneven
33. What is the street condition in front of your house?
1. 63.7% Good 2. 19.0% Cracked or uneven 3. 6.5% Badly cracked, uneven
34. Does the street in front of your home need any of the following? (Check all that apply)
1. 7.0% Storm sewer (better drainage) 5. 1.1% Sanitary sewer repairs
2. 16.5% Street repairs 6. 1.3% Water system improvements
3. 11.8% Street lights 7. 8.5% Curb and gutter
4. 8.5% Sidewalk constructed/repaired
35. How often does your yard or street on your block flood or have standing water?
1. 64.0% Never 2. 10.1% 1-2 times per year 3. 10.8% 3 or more times per year
36. If you have a basement, has it had water in it during the past year?
1. 48.3% Never 2. 12.1% 1-2 times per year 3. 5.4% 3 or more times per year
37. If yes, how much water have you had?
1. 13.4% Damp wall/floors 2. 4.7% Less than 6 inches 3. 0.3% More than 6 inches
38. How frequently has the water reached this level in your basement in the last year?
1. 5.7% One occasion 3. 1.6% More than 5 occasions
2. 6.9% 2-5 occasions 4. 1.0% Continually
39. Do you use a sump pump? 1. 14.4% Yes 2. 51.1% No
40. Check any of the water problems that you have in your home. (Check all that apply)
1. 7.7% Low water pressure 4. 17.2% Low sudsing, hard water
2. 12.8% Discolored/stained fixtures 5. 3.1% Other See attached comments
3. 16.0% Poor taste or smell
41. What material is the water lateral (service pipe) to your home?
1. 5.6% Galvanized 4. 56.5% Don't Know
2. 14.6% Copper 5. 1.5% Other See attached comments
3. 5.2% Plastic
42. Have you experienced any problems with your sewer, such as backing up or other problem?
1. 13.7% Yes 2. 66.9% No 3. 5.2% Don't Know

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

43. How long have you lived in Amery?
1. 22.6% 0-5 years 3. 17.5% 11-20 years
2. 14.9% 6-10 years 4. 39.1% More than 20 years
44. Please provide the number of people for each group in your household:
1. 280 (23%) Ages 0-18 3. 332 (27%) Ages 40-61
2. 230 (19%) Ages 19-39 4. 417 (34%) Ages 62+

45. Please indicate the number of vehicles you have at your household:

1. 232 1 vehicle 3. 98 3 or more
2. 213 2 vehicles 4. 28 None

EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD: (These questions need to be answered for your survey to be counted).

46. Are there any children under 6 years of age in your household? 1. 10.1% Yes 2. 82.0% No

47. Check your household size in the left-hand column and indicate (on the same line as your household size) your **TOTAL** household income as being either **BELOW, WITHIN OR ABOVE** the income range listed for your household size.

a. Household Size	b. INCOME RANGE	c. Below Range	d. Within Range	e. Above Range
<u> </u> 1 person	\$16,350 - \$26,150	12.6%	9.3%	6.5%
<u> </u> 2 people	\$18,700 - \$29,900	6.5%	9.8%	20.0%
<u> </u> 3 people	\$21,000 - \$33,600	1.1%	2.5%	6.4%
<u> </u> 4 people	\$23,350 - \$37,350	0.7%	2.3%	4.3%
<u> </u> 5 people	\$25,200 - \$40,350	0.7%	1.1%	3.1%
<u> </u> 6 people	\$27,100 - \$43,350	0.3%	0.2%	0.8%
<u> </u> 7 people	\$28,950 - \$46,350	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
<u> </u> 8 people	\$30,800 - \$49,300	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%

CITY PLANNING ISSUES

48. Do you feel pre-planning of land uses by a community is desirable? 1. 80.5% Yes 2. 7.0% No

49. Wisconsin law allows a City to plan and zone (in cooperation with neighboring townships) for land within 1-1/2 miles of its limits. Should Amery plan for this area adjacent to the City?

1. 69.7% Yes 2. 11.6% No

50. As the City develops, should land be set aside for parks in developing areas?

1. 54.8% Yes 2. 32.1% No

51. At what rate would you like to see Amery's population grow in the next 10 years?

1. 2.5% No growth 4. 3.3% Fast
2. 22.1% Slow 5. 12.1% No opinion
3. 51.7% Moderate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

52. Do you think there is a need for more industry in Amery?

1. 57.4% Yes 2. 6.4% No 3. 28.5% Maybe

53. How important is it to you to see more work opportunities provided in the Amery area?

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. <u>44.0%</u> Very important | 3. <u>7.4%</u> Not important |
| 2. <u>29.6%</u> Somewhat important | 4. <u>14.1%</u> No opinion |

54. Please identify the employment status of all household members age 18 or older:

**# of Household
Members over 18**

a. Employed full-time	<u>426</u>
b. Employed part-time, seeking full-time work	<u>18</u>
c. Employed part-time, not seeking full-time work	<u>109</u>
d. Have no paying job, seeking part-time or full-time work	<u>15</u>
e. Have no paying job, not seeking employment	<u>321</u>
f. TOTAL (should equal number in household over age 18)	<u>889</u>

55. How many people in your household over age 18 are employed in the following communities?

Employed

a. Amery	<u>305</u>
b. Clear Lake/Clayton	<u>24</u>
c. St. Croix Falls	<u>21</u>
d. Balsam Lake	<u>20</u>
e. Baldwin	<u>11</u>
f. New Richmond	<u>27</u>
g. Twin Cities	<u>42</u>
h. Other <u>See attached comments</u>	<u>106</u>

56. Do you favor the City applying for Federal grants for improvements in housing, public facilities, water and sewer, park improvements, and economic development incentives for job creation?

- | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <u>71.2%</u> Yes | 2. <u>4.4%</u> No | 3. <u>18.8%</u> No opinion |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|

LIST OTHER IDEAS AND CONCERNS

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COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES

1. Check the public and private services that you feel are inadequate for your household (check all that apply).
- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| a. <u>9.3%</u> Water | g. <u>6.2%</u> Medical services |
| b. <u>8.3%</u> Sewer | h. <u>7.6%</u> Dental services |
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| d. <u>6.9%</u> Police protection | j. <u>5.2%</u> Garbage collection |
| e. <u>4.5%</u> Fire protection | k. <u>7.6%</u> Senior citizen services |
| f. <u>3.8%</u> Library services | l. <u>5.9%</u> School system |

2. If any of the above areas of service were identified as inadequate, please explain why:
See attached survey comments

3. Is there a need for a park in your neighborhood? 1. 8.7% Yes 2. 84.4% No

4. Please rate the park facilities in the City park system (please circle below):

	Adequate	Needs Improvement	Not Available	Don't Know
a. Playground equipment	58.5%	7.6%	0.7%	17.3%
b. Benches and picnic tables	55.0%	13.1%	1.0%	14.2%
c. Ballfields	49.8%	12.5%	1.4%	17.6%
d. Sheltered area	52.6%	13.8%	1.0%	13.8%
e. Tennis courts	64.7%	2.4%	0.3%	14.2%
f. Parking	57.4%	13.1%	0.7%	11.4%

5. Is there a need for a municipal swimming pool in your community? 1. 64.0% Yes 2. 30.4% No

6. If so, would you be in favor of (please check one):
- | |
|--|
| a. <u>36.0%</u> An indoor pool located at the high school |
| b. <u>26.6%</u> An indoor pool as part of a hotel or health club |
| c. <u>6.9%</u> An outdoor pool |
| d. <u>5.2%</u> An outdoor aquatic park |

7. Do you feel shopping facilities in Amery are adequate for the following:
- | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| a. Food/groceries | 1. <u>36.3%</u> Yes | 2. <u>56.4%</u> No |
| b. Medicine | 1. <u>83.0%</u> Yes | 2. <u>6.2%</u> No |
| c. Banks | 1. <u>84.8%</u> Yes | 2. <u>4.8%</u> No |
| d. Auto service | 1. <u>69.9%</u> Yes | 2. <u>15.6%</u> No |
| e. Clothing | 1. <u>20.8%</u> Yes | 2. <u>72.3%</u> No |
| f. Restaurants | 1. <u>60.6%</u> Yes | 2. <u>30.4%</u> No |
8. What additional types of stores would you like to see in Amery (check all that apply)?
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. <u>72.3%</u> Clothing/shoe store | 5. <u>1.0%</u> Hardware |
| 2. <u>20.1%</u> Surplus store | 6. <u>4.2%</u> Auto dealer |
| 3. <u>26.3%</u> Restaurants | 7. <u>7.6%</u> Other <u>See attached comments</u> |
| 4. <u>58.8%</u> Grocery | |
9. Do you feel there are an adequate number of child day care facilities in the City:
- | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <u>16.6%</u> Yes | 2. <u>10.7%</u> No | 3. <u>65.1%</u> No Opinion |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
10. How often do you spend \$25.00 or more in Amery on groceries or dry goods, not including gasoline? (Check one)
- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. <u>17.0%</u> 3 times/week or more | 5. <u>5.9%</u> Once per month |
| 2. <u>25.6%</u> 2 times/week | 6. <u>2.4%</u> Once every 6 months |
| 3. <u>32.2%</u> Once per week | 7. <u>2.1%</u> Never |
| 4. <u>12.1%</u> Every two weeks | |
11. How many meals per week do members of your household eat at restaurants in Amery?
- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <u>80.3%</u> Less than 3 | 3. <u>1.4%</u> More than 7 |
| 2. <u>12.5%</u> 3-7 | |
12. When you cannot buy groceries or dry goods in Amery that you desire, what is the first city you go to for such items? (Check one)
- | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| a. <u>17.3%</u> Twin Cities | d. <u>18.0%</u> Stillwater | g. <u>19.7%</u> Rice Lake |
| b. <u>13.5%</u> New Richmond | e. <u>16.3%</u> Clear Lake | h. <u>37.7%</u> St. Croix Falls |
| c. <u>6.6%</u> Hudson | f. <u>0.7%</u> Baldwin | i. <u>2.8%</u> Other <u>See attached comments</u> |
13. Do you currently bank: 1. 91.3% In Amery 2. 10.4% Out of Amery
14. Is there adequate parking in the central business district?
- | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <u>67.1%</u> Yes | 2. <u>14.9%</u> No | 3. <u>13.8%</u> No Opinion |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
15. Is there a need to improve any of the following in the Amery central business district?
- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. <u>17.0%</u> Streets | 4. <u>5.2%</u> Lighting |
| 2. <u>6.9%</u> Store fronts | 5. <u>11.4%</u> Seating (benches) |
| 3. <u>11.8%</u> Sidewalks | 6. <u>4.2%</u> Other <u>See attached comments</u> |

HOUSING ISSUES

16. What type of home do you live in?
- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. <u>54.7%</u> Single family house | 2. <u>26.0%</u> Apartment, duplex, etc. | 3. <u>15.9%</u> Other <u>See attached comments</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
17. Do you own or rent your home? 1. 69.2% Own 2. 23.5% Rent
18. Please write the street address of your home here: _____

19. To the best of your knowledge, when was your home built?
1. 16.6% Before 1940
 2. 7.6% 1940-1949
 3. 9.3% 1950-1959
 4. 25.6% 1960-1978
 5. 27.3% After 1978
20. Do any of the following need repair or replacement? (Check all that apply)
1. 5.5% Heating
 2. 5.5% Plumbing
 3. 9.0% Electrical
 4. 25.3% Doors/windows
 5. 11.8% Siding
 6. 12.8% Roof
 7. 12.5% Foundation/structure (including interior walls, floors, ceilings)
 8. 2.1% Sewer/water lateral (service pipe to your home) or well/septic
21. If you currently own your home, would you be willing to apply for a 0% deferred payment loan from the City to make needed repairs to your home?
1. 17.6% Yes
 2. 30.1% No
 3. 22.8% Don't Know
22. If you currently rent your home or apartment, would you purchase a home in Amery if you could receive a 0% deferred loan from the City for \$12,000-\$15,000 to help with the down payment, closing costs, and needed repairs?
1. 9.7% Yes
 2. 21.8% No
 3. 10.4% Don't Know
23. If the City participated in a rental housing project, would you be willing to pay 30% of your monthly income for modern housing for your family?
1. 29.1% Yes
 2. 40.5% No
24. Would you be willing to move into a rental housing project apartment if one were available?
1. 19.0% Yes
 2. 51.9% No
25. Are there people in your household who are physically disabled?
1. 16.3% Yes
 2. 74.7% No
26. If, at the present time, there is a physically disabled person in your home, would you accept a 0% deferred payment loan from the City to make it more accessible for that person?
1. 4.2% Yes
 2. 17.0% No
 3. 18.0% Don't Know
- Improvements needed: See attached comments
27. If you think your community needs additional housing, please check the type of house needed. (Check all that apply)
1. 22.8% Single-family houses
 2. 5.5% Multi-family rental apartments
 3. 24.6% Elderly housing
 4. 30.1% Low-rent housing
 5. 26.3% Moderate-rent housing
 6. 1.4% High-rent housing
 7. 3.1% Condominiums
 8. 3.8% Mobile homes
 9. 14.5% Independent living facilities
28. If you think the City needs additional housing, what area of the community would you like it to expand into? (Check all that apply)
1. 21.8% Southeast
 2. 10.7% Northeast
 3. 20.1% Southwest
 4. 13.5% Northwest
29. Based on your family needs, how much would you be willing to pay per month for rent?
1. 23.5% Less than \$300
 2. 15.2% \$300 - \$399
 3. 13.5% \$400 - \$499
 4. 6.9% \$500 - \$599
 5. 2.4% \$600 - \$699
 6. 0.0% \$700+

PUBLIC FACILITIES

30. Do you have a concrete sidewalk in front of your home? 1. 45.0% Yes 2. 51.9% No
31. If you don't have a concrete sidewalk, would you like one? 1. 8.3% Yes 2. 45.0% No
32. If you do have a sidewalk, what is its condition?
1. 21.5% Good condition 2. 18.0% Few cracks 3. 4.8% Badly cracked, uneven
33. What is the street condition in front of your house?
1. 64.7% Good 2. 19.4% Cracked or uneven 3. 8.7% Badly cracked, uneven
34. Does the street in front of your home need any of the following? (Check all that apply)
1. 8.3% Storm sewer (better drainage) 5. 1.4% Sanitary sewer repairs
2. 19.0% Street repairs 6. 1.0% Water system improvements
3. 12.1% Street lights 7. 11.1% Curb and gutter
4. 9.3% Sidewalk constructed/repaired
35. How often does your yard or street on your block flood or have standing water?
1. 63.7% Never 2. 9.7% 1-2 times per year 3. 12.8% 3 or more times per year
36. If you have a basement, has it had water in it during the past year?
1. 39.8% Never 2. 14.9% 1-2 times per year 3. 6.2% 3 or more times per year
37. If yes, how much water have you had?
1. 17.0% Damp wall/floors 2. 5.9% Less than 6 inches 3. 0.0% More than 6 inches
38. How frequently has the water reached this level in your basement in the last year?
1. 7.3% One occasion 3. 2.1% More than 5 occasions
2. 8.3% 2-5 occasions 4. 1.0% Continually
39. Do you use a sump pump? 1. 12.8% Yes 2. 50.9% No
40. Check any of the water problems that you have in your home. (Check all that apply)
1. 7.3% Low water pressure 4. 15.6% Low sudsing, hard water
2. 12.8% Discolored/stained fixtures 5. 2.4% Other See attached comments
3. 19.4% Poor taste or smell
41. What material is the water lateral (service pipe) to your home?
1. 5.2% Galvanized 4. 58.5% Don't Know
2. 14.9% Copper 5. 1.7% Other See attached comments
3. 6.6% Plastic
42. Have you experienced any problems with your sewer, such as backing up or other problem?
1. 11.4% Yes 2. 69.2% No 3. 6.6% Don't Know

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

43. How long have you lived in Amery?
1. 26.3% 0-5 years 3. 19.0% 11-20 years
2. 17.3% 6-10 years 4. 36.7% More than 20 years
44. Please provide the number of people for each group in your household:
1. 125 (23%) Ages 0-18 3. 91 (17%) Ages 40-61
2. 95 (17%) Ages 19-39 4. 248 (45%) Ages 62+

45. Please indicate the number of vehicles you have at your household:

3. 23 3 or more

4. 19 None

EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD: (These questions need to be answered for your survey to be counted).

46. Are there any children under 6 years of age in your household? 1. 11.1% Yes 2. 86.2% No

47. Check your household size in the left-hand column and indicate (on the same line as your household size) your **TOTAL** household income as being either **BELOW, WITHIN OR ABOVE** the income range listed for your household size.

a.		b.	c.	d.
Household Size	INCOME RANGE	Below Range	Within Range	Above Range
___ 1 person	\$16,350 - \$26,150	26.6%	19.7%	0.0%
___ 2 people	\$18,700 - \$29,900	13.8%	20.8%	0.0%
___ 3 people	\$21,000 - \$33,600	2.4%	5.2%	0.0%
___ 4 people	\$23,350 - \$37,350	1.4%	4.8%	0.0%
___ 5 people	\$25,200 - \$40,350	1.4%	2.4%	0.0%
___ 6 people	\$27,100 - \$43,350	0.7%	0.3%	0.0%
___ 7 people	\$28,950 - \$46,350	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
___ 8 people	\$30,800 - \$49,300	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%

CITY PLANNING ISSUES

48. Do you feel pre-planning of land uses by a community is desirable? 1. 80.3% Yes 2. 10.4% No
49. Wisconsin law allows a City to plan and zone (in cooperation with neighboring townships) for land within 1-1/2 miles of its limits. Should Amery plan for this area adjacent to the City?
1. 67.1% Yes 2. 13.8% No
50. As the City develops, should land be set aside for parks in developing areas?
1. 54.3% Yes 2. 34.9% No
51. At what rate would you like to see Amery's population grow in the next 10 years?
1. 2.1% No growth 4. 3.5% Fast
2. 22.5% Slow 5. 15.6% No opinion
3. 52.6% Moderate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

52. Do you think there is a need for more industry in Amery?
- | | | |
|--------------|------------|----------------|
| 1. 59.5% Yes | 2. 4.2% No | 3. 33.2% Maybe |
|--------------|------------|----------------|

53. How important is it to you to see more work opportunities provided in the Amery area?

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. <u>43.6%</u> Very important | 3. <u>8.0%</u> Not important |
| 2. <u>26.0%</u> Somewhat important | 4. <u>17.6%</u> No opinion |

54. Please identify the employment status of all household members age 18 or older:

**# of Household
Members over 18**

a. Employed full-time	<u>122</u>
b. Employed part-time, seeking full-time work	<u>10</u>
c. Employed part-time, not seeking full-time work	<u>43</u>
d. Have no paying job, seeking part-time or full-time work	<u>12</u>
e. Have no paying job, not seeking employment	<u>172</u>
f. TOTAL (should equal number in household over age 18)	<u>359</u>

55. How many people in your household over age 18 are employed in the following communities?

Employed

a. Amery	<u>107</u>
b. Clear Lake/Clayton	<u>8</u>
c. St. Croix Falls	<u>7</u>
d. Balsam Lake	<u>2</u>
e. Baldwin	<u>5</u>
f. New Richmond	<u>10</u>
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- | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
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2. If any of the above areas of service were identified as inadequate, please explain why:

See attached survey comments

3. Is there a need for a park in your neighborhood? 1. 10.9% Yes 2. 85.1% No

4. Please rate the park facilities in the City park system (please circle below):

	Adequate	Needs Improvement	Not Available	Don't Know
a. Playground equipment	66.5%	12.4%	0.6%	10.6%
b. Benches and picnic tables	63.7%	16.8%	0.6%	9.0%
c. Ballfields	53.7%	20.5%	1.2%	13.7%
d. Sheltered area	64.6%	14.3%	0.9%	9.0%
e. Tennis courts	73.9%	4.7%	0.6%	9.0%
f. Parking	68.6%	12.1%	0.6%	7.1%

5. Is there a need for a municipal swimming pool in your community? 1. 74.8% Yes 2. 22.4% No

6. If so, would you be in favor of (please check one):

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b. 25.8% An indoor pool as part of a hotel or health club
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7. Do you feel shopping facilities in Amery are adequate for the following:
- | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
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| b. Medicine | 1. <u>88.2%</u> Yes | 2. <u>4.7%</u> No |
| c. Banks | 1. <u>86.6%</u> Yes | 2. <u>6.8%</u> No |
| d. Auto service | 1. <u>70.8%</u> Yes | 2. <u>18.6%</u> No |
| e. Clothing | 1. <u>17.4%</u> Yes | 2. <u>78.9%</u> No |
| f. Restaurants | 1. <u>61.8%</u> Yes | 2. <u>31.7%</u> No |
8. What additional types of stores would you like to see in Amery (check all that apply)?
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. <u>77.3%</u> Clothing/shoe store | 5. <u>1.6%</u> Hardware |
| 2. <u>20.5%</u> Surplus store | 6. <u>6.5%</u> Auto dealer |
| 3. <u>31.7%</u> Restaurants | 7. <u>9.3%</u> Other <u>See attached comments</u> |
| 4. <u>58.1%</u> Grocery | |
9. Do you feel there are an adequate number of child day care facilities in the City:
- | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <u>14.6%</u> Yes | 2. <u>18.9%</u> No | 3. <u>63.0%</u> No Opinion |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
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- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. <u>29.2%</u> 3 times/week or more | 5. <u>5.0%</u> Once per month |
| 2. <u>28.9%</u> 2 times/week | 6. <u>0.9%</u> Once every 6 months |
| 3. <u>28.3%</u> Once per week | 7. <u>1.6%</u> Never |
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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
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12. When you cannot buy groceries or dry goods in Amery that you desire, what is the first city you go to for such items? (Check one)
- | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
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| b. <u>6.5%</u> New Richmond | e. <u>7.8%</u> Clear Lake | h. <u>29.5%</u> St. Croix Falls |
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14. Is there adequate parking in the central business district?
- | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. <u>75.2%</u> Yes | 2. <u>13.4%</u> No | 3. <u>9.6%</u> No Opinion |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
15. Is there a need to improve any of the following in the Amery central business district?
- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| 1. <u>9.6%</u> Streets | 4. <u>3.4%</u> Lighting |
| 2. <u>12.4%</u> Store fronts | 5. <u>9.3%</u> Seating (benches) |
| 3. <u>7.8%</u> Sidewalks | 6. <u>6.8%</u> Other <u>See attached comments</u> |

HOUSING ISSUES

16. What type of home do you live in?
- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. <u>75.2%</u> Single family house | 2. <u>15.2%</u> Apartment, duplex, etc. | 3. <u>8.4%</u> Other <u>See attached comments</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
17. Do you own or rent your home? 1. 81.7% Own 2. 13.4% Rent
18. Please write the street address of your home here: _____

19. To the best of your knowledge, when was your home built?
- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <u>14.3%</u> Before 1940 | 4. <u>24.5%</u> 1960-1978 |
| 2. <u>6.8%</u> 1940-1949 | 5. <u>34.2%</u> After 1978 |
| 3. <u>10.9%</u> 1950-1959 | |
20. Do any of the following need repair or replacement? (Check all that apply)
- | |
|--|
| 1. <u>4.0%</u> Heating |
| 2. <u>3.4%</u> Plumbing |
| 3. <u>6.5%</u> Electrical |
| 4. <u>15.2%</u> Doors/windows |
| 5. <u>10.9%</u> Siding |
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| 7. <u>5.0%</u> Foundation/structure (including interior walls, floors, ceilings) |
| 8. <u>2.8%</u> Sewer/water lateral (service pipe to your home) or well/septic |
21. If you currently own your home, would you be willing to apply for a 0% deferred payment loan from the City to make needed repairs to your home?
- | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <u>25.2%</u> Yes | 2. <u>36.0%</u> No | 3. <u>16.5%</u> Don't Know |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
22. If you currently rent your home or apartment, would you purchase a home in Amery if you could receive a 0% deferred loan from the City for \$12,000-\$15,000 to help with the down payment, closing costs, and needed repairs?
- | | | |
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| 1. <u>6.5%</u> Yes | 2. <u>11.2%</u> No | 3. <u>5.0%</u> Don't Know |
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23. If the City participated in a rental housing project, would you be willing to pay 30% of your monthly income for modern housing for your family?
- | | |
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| 1. <u>11.8%</u> Yes | 2. <u>46.9%</u> No |
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24. Would you be willing to move into a rental housing project apartment if one were available?
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| 1. <u>6.5%</u> Yes | 2. <u>57.5%</u> No |
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25. Are there people in your household who are physically disabled?
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| 1. <u>8.4%</u> Yes | 2. <u>79.8%</u> No |
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26. If, at the present time, there is a physically disabled person in your home, would you accept a 0% deferred payment loan from the City to make it more accessible for that person?
- | | | |
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| 1. <u>5.9%</u> Yes | 2. <u>16.8%</u> No | 3. <u>10.2%</u> Don't Know |
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Improvements needed: See attached comments

27. If you think your community needs additional housing, please check the type of house needed. (Check all that apply)
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|--|---|
| 1. <u>31.7%</u> Single-family houses | 5. <u>37.9%</u> Moderate-rent housing |
| 2. <u>12.7%</u> Multi-family rental apartments | 6. <u>1.9%</u> High-rent housing |
| 3. <u>10.9%</u> Elderly housing | 7. <u>10.9%</u> Condominiums |
| 4. <u>11.2%</u> Low-rent housing | 8. <u>1.6%</u> Mobile homes |
| | 9. <u>15.2%</u> Independent living facilities |
28. If you think the City needs additional housing, what area of the community would you like it to expand into? (Check all that apply)
- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. <u>32.3%</u> Southeast | 3. <u>31.7%</u> Southwest |
| 2. <u>14.3%</u> Northeast | 4. <u>14.9%</u> Northwest |
29. Based on your family needs, how much would you be willing to pay per month for rent?
- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. <u>6.8%</u> Less than \$300 | 4. <u>14.6%</u> \$500 - \$599 |
| 2. <u>5.6%</u> \$300 - \$399 | 5. <u>5.0%</u> \$600 - \$699 |
| 3. <u>8.4%</u> \$400 - \$499 | 6. <u>6.2%</u> \$700+ |

PUBLIC FACILITIES

30. Do you have a concrete sidewalk in front of your home? 1. 28.6% Yes 2. 60.2% No
31. If you don't have a concrete sidewalk, would you like one? 1. 8.4% Yes 2. 52.2% No
32. If you do have a sidewalk, what is its condition?
1. 14.9% Good condition 2. 10.6% Few cracks 3. 4.0% Badly cracked, uneven
33. What is the street condition in front of your house?
1. 62.7% Good 2. 18.6% Cracked or uneven 3. 4.7% Badly cracked, uneven
34. Does the street in front of your home need any of the following? (Check all that apply)
1. 5.9% Storm sewer (better drainage) 5. 0.9% Sanitary sewer repairs
2. 14.3% Street repairs 6. 1.6% Water system improvements
3. 11.5% Street lights 7. 6.2% Curb and gutter
4. 7.8% Sidewalk constructed/repaired
35. How often does your yard or street on your block flood or have standing water?
1. 64.3% Never 2. 10.6% 1-2 times per year 3. 9.0% 3 or more times per year
36. If you have a basement, has it had water in it during the past year?
1. 55.9% Never 2. 9.6% 1-2 times per year 3. 4.7% 3 or more times per year
37. If yes, how much water have you had?
1. 10.2% Damp wall/floors 2. 3.7% Less than 6 inches 3. 0.6% More than 6 inches
38. How frequently has the water reached this level in your basement in the last year?
1. 4.3% One occasion 3. 1.2% More than 5 occasions
2. 5.6% 2-5 occasions 4. 0.9% Continually
39. Do you use a sump pump? 1. 15.8% Yes 2. 51.2% No
40. Check any of the water problems that you have in your home. (Check all that apply)
1. 8.1% Low water pressure 4. 18.6% Low sudsing, hard water
2. 12.7% Discolored/stained fixtures 5. 3.7% Other See attached comments
3. 13.0% Poor taste or smell
41. What material is the water lateral (service pipe) to your home?
1. 5.9% Galvanized 4. 54.7% Don't Know
2. 14.3% Copper 5. 1.2% Other See attached comments
3. 4.0% Plastic
42. Have you experienced any problems with your sewer, such as backing up or other problem?
1. 15.8% Yes 2. 64.9% No 3. 4.0% Don't Know

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

43. How long have you lived in Amery?
1. 19.3% 0-5 years 3. 16.1% 11-20 years
2. 12.7% 6-10 years 4. 41.3% More than 20 years
44. Please provide the number of people for each group in your household:
1. 155 (23%) Ages 0-18 3. 241 (35%) Ages 40-61
2. 135 (20%) Ages 19-39 4. 169 (25%) Ages 62+

45. Please indicate the number of vehicles you have at your household:

1. 69 1 vehicle
 2. 133 2 vehicles
 3. 75 3 or more
 4. 9 None

EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD: (These questions need to be answered for your survey to be counted).

46. Are there any children under 6 years of age in your household? 1. 9.3% Yes 2. 78.3% No

47. Check your household size in the left-hand column and indicate (on the same line as your household size) your **TOTAL** household income as being either **BELOW, WITHIN OR ABOVE** the income range listed for your household size.

a. Household Size	b. INCOME RANGE	c. Below Range	d. Within Range	e. Above Range
<u> </u> 1 person	\$16,350 - \$26,150	0.0%	0.0%	12.4%
<u> </u> 2 people	\$18,700 - \$29,900	0.0%	0.0%	37.9%
<u> </u> 3 people	\$21,000 - \$33,600	0.0%	0.0%	12.1%
<u> </u> 4 people	\$23,350 - \$37,350	0.0%	0.0%	8.1%
<u> </u> 5 people	\$25,200 - \$40,350	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%
<u> </u> 6 people	\$27,100 - \$43,350	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%
<u> </u> 7 people	\$28,950 - \$46,350	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
<u> </u> 8 people	\$30,800 - \$49,300	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

CITY PLANNING ISSUES

48. Do you feel pre-planning of land uses by a community is desirable? 1. 80.7% Yes 2. 4.0% No
49. Wisconsin law allows a City to plan and zone (in cooperation with neighboring townships) for land within 1-1/2 miles of its limits. Should Amery plan for this area adjacent to the City?
 1. 72.0% Yes 2. 9.6% No
50. As the City develops, should land be set aside for parks in developing areas?
 1. 55.3% Yes 2. 29.5% No
51. At what rate would you like to see Amery's population grow in the next 10 years?
 1. 2.8% No growth 4. 3.1% Fast
 2. 21.7% Slow 5. 9.0% No opinion
 3. 50.9% Moderate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

52. Do you think there is a need for more industry in Amery?
 1. 55.6% Yes 2. 8.4% No 3. 24.2% Maybe

53. How important is it to you to see more work opportunities provided in the Amery area?

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. <u>44.4%</u> Very important | 3. <u>6.8%</u> Not important |
| 2. <u>32.9%</u> Somewhat important | 4. <u>10.9%</u> No opinion |

54. Please identify the employment status of all household members age 18 or older:

**# of Household
Members over 18**

a. Employed full-time	<u>304</u>
b. Employed part-time, seeking full-time work	<u>8</u>
c. Employed part-time, not seeking full-time work	<u>66</u>
d. Have no paying job, seeking part-time or full-time work	<u>3</u>
e. Have no paying job, not seeking employment	<u>149</u>
f. TOTAL (should equal number in household over age 18)	<u>530</u>

55. How many people in your household over age 18 are employed in the following communities?

Employed

a. Amery	<u>198</u>
b. Clear Lake/Clayton	<u>16</u>
c. St. Croix Falls	<u>14</u>
d. Balsam Lake	<u>18</u>
e. Baldwin	<u>6</u>
f. New Richmond	<u>17</u>
g. Twin Cities	<u>37</u>
h. Other <u>See attached comments</u>	<u>67</u>

56. Do you favor the City applying for Federal grants for improvements in housing, public facilities, water and sewer, park improvements, and economic development incentives for job creation?

- | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <u>78.0%</u> Yes | 2. <u>4.7%</u> No | 3. <u>13.0%</u> No opinion |
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LIST OTHER IDEAS AND CONCERNS

57. The City Council and Plan Commission encourages your comments. Please write comments below. Feel free to expand on any of the issues in the survey.

See attached survey comments

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

ATTACHMENT D

Written Comments

**SURVEY COMMENTS
CITY OF AMERY
FALL 2000**

2. If any of the above areas of service were identified as inadequate, please explain why:

"(Street maintenance) Harriman Avenue by Water's Edge."

"No City water or sewer."

"A couple of major streets are in dire need of work within city."

"Need a new fire hall - dentist take over two weeks to see."

"I have had sewer back-up in my basement many times because the sewer is plugged up between my house and the corner. The City does not check and clean it out often enough."

"Library needs more funds and much larger building."

"None."

"(Sewer) too expensive."

"(Police protection) they never seem to be around. I walk a lot and see a lot of kids breaking the laws and putting them in dangerous situations and there isn't the police around to do anything."

"In winter they put so much sand on streets that it tracks into our houses and business places and gets plowed up onto our lawns. Very damaging."

"(Water) tastes terrible."

"(Water, sewer) low pressure."

"Sidewalks and curbs are in need of repair."

"Better plowing in winter."

"(Sewer) have had sewer back-up on several occasions. (Garbage collection) more frequent and more convenient removal of leaves and other waste."

"Many streets need improvement."

"(Medical) always waiting an hour beyond appointment time. Being put off for a month when setting up an exam."

"Need police liaison officer."

"Street - winter clean-up and street conditions. Police - speeders on North Keller. Very loud exhausts. Few ever stopped. Larger library for larger population."

"Streets - potholes, snowplowing of side streets. Police - too many kids smoking and hanging around and no one does anything about it."

"Library services are poor. Even with dentists in the area that state will take emergencies. It takes two weeks to a month to get in. School system is extremely poor here."

"We are unable to be hooked up to city water. The library hours do not accommodate my work schedule - no evening hours."

"Police protection: excessive speed on residential streets is a public safety issue."

"Streets need cleaning/garbage in a privately owned business and should do their own billing and collecting - not use City paid hours. Need Sr. transportation. Upgrade of academics so kids graduate with some vocational and academic abilities."

"I strongly believe a police/school liaison officer would be of great service (pro-active) to the City/School District."

"Excess patching of my street - most are quite good. Appointment delays, especially dental - excess charges."

"Would like to see less sand poured on streets and snow pick-up - sidewalks could be kept up better."

"The quality of our water is not very good."

"Medical - would like to see adult care physician - internist - on staff vs. all family practice. Dental - can't get to dentist to choice - not accepting new patients - need to continue to get out of town dental care."

"No pool."

"Would like to see more streets upgraded each year."

"The sewers fill up with leaves and other materials and back up water into our property."

"We do not have city water and no hydrant for fire protection."

"Low water pressure."

"We need a plan for street maintenance."

"Material other than leaves can be discarded only two times a year. Leaves, branches, etc. only two times a month."

"Sidewalks and highly traveled streets need help."

"Too many rough spots."

"(Medical, dental) because if you don't have insurance, it's harder for you to get work done."

"Amery resident pay high sewer bills."

"The school system needs to be more available to the public for their use also. Police are too soft on kids."

"Expenses are way beyond my means."

"Area is one of last to be snowplowed. Streets are patched - rough."

"Poor local internet service hinders e-commerce."

"Police are not visible at busy times of the day and don't write any tickets for speeding."

"Roads in some areas could be better."

"Schools should all be located in one area. Many roads in Amery are rough and full of potholes."

"(Medical, dental) have to make appointment too long in advance."

"Arlington needs a total restoration."

"Students in the Amery Middle School who need special assistance in math/reading do not receive it."

"Because these are expensive."

"Our street should be blacktopped. This is a main north-south street and has been in poor condition for 5 years."

"Potholes - maintenance of some streets over others. Mark all crosswalks on street. Police are not visible - daytime speeders through downtown - Main Street and Harriman. City needs a place for composting and deposit of limbs, etc. at all times. A few time a summer are not enough."

"Water discoloration of fixtures. Harriman Avenue."

"Public transportation to pick up needed supplies or take a handicapped person to work - especially stormy days."

"Harriman Avenue has not been repaved properly for over 30 years and is very rough."

"There are way too many streets that are in horrible condition."

"Roads are not maintained/plowed/paved, especially Harriman. Lakeview School building interior is sorely inadequate."

"Water Street - needs repair badly."

"Phone service of police more simple to get and easily understood. Frequent explanation during police report at city council meeting (taxes for community)."

"(Water) I'm not sure if its my residence on system issues."

"Some of our streets are in need of repair."

"Water and sewer bills much to high. Side streets are a mess - weeds all over."

"(Medical) unable to see Dr. of choice - most are narrow minded. (School system) unwilling to cooperate with home schoolers for partial service."

"We need yield to pedestrian signs painted on the intersections."

"Our street does not get proper maintenance."

"Harriman Avenue is the street with the most traffic and yet other streets and trailer parks are taken better care of. I live on Harriman and it's a disgrace to Amery."

"The water tastes bad - south end of town."

"Many of the side streets are full of potholes."

"Need to fill potholes when they appear."

"(Medical) no specialist available without quite a wait."

"Harriman Avenue must be rebuilt from the tracks to Highway #46."

"Lakeview Intermediate School needs to be replaced with a new building."

"(Water, sewer, garbage) expensive."

"Harriman Avenue needs resurfacing."

"Many potholes and cracks."

"The street I live on has more bumps than smooth spots (Harriman Avenue)."

"Parking at hospital."

"Amery needs more dentist's. You can never get in. You have to book way ahead. They need to have more days when the clinic is open longer as the people that work longer hours can still see the Dr. Most of us work until 4:30 or 5:00."

"No day care - huge problem in this community."

"Inadequate water pressure. Snowplow destroys our yard every year."

"Sewer charge includes water sprinkled on lawn. City should provide for separate metering."

"Harriman Avenue needs repair."

"The streets in Pondhurst are in need of repair."

"Some roads need repair."

"Would like the hospital to have a handicap van."

"Our streets in our town are not taken care of like they should."

"(Sewer) cost too high to homeowner."

"Although they have fixed many of the streets this past year, there are still many that are in bad condition."

"Very rough street (Harriman) in many areas."

"Streets are in poor condition, especially Harriman Avenue."

"Rough streets, broken surfaces, lack of sidewalks."

"Rough road."

"No recycling out of town - only twice a month in town. Trail with non-motorized vehicles for biking and running and walking without worry of being hit or injured by a motorized."

"Harriman Street is in need of repair. The senior center requires too much volunteer help to keep it going financially."

"Library should be in town - not on a busy highway. Hard to get in in the winter. I seldom go since it moved."

"(Senior citizen services) transportation."

"Roads need to be redone in many areas. Police not visible enough. Should have more. Chief should dress like one."

"We feel there are street roads that are in very poor condition and have been for too long."

"Medical - can't get an appointment in a reasonable time. Dental - not enough - we go out of town."

"Amery Telecom has full control over our rates and our service is limited. We pay more and get less than other cities and towns. Something has to be done."

"Better quality water is needed. Dump should be open more for leaves, etc. and one more special collection per year."

"Poor policy for learning disabled children/poorly trained teachers and staff to deal with this area."

"We need to replace the Lakeview Intermediate School building and build a new school at the site of the other three school buildings."

"Please take out the fluoride. It causes cancer and contributes to Alzheimer's. It has been banned in 98% of Europe who have studied its effects. It was never approved by the FDA - why are you poisoning us with it?"

"(School system) very few developed programs for kids with emotional disability and no desire to change."

"Sewer needs more suction. We pour RidX in once a month for suction."

"There's too many streets that need blacktop and it's not getting done."

"It would be nice to have a reasonable taxi service."

"Why would you not plow snow and sprinkle sand on top?"

"Streets are in bad shape - not enough police for the growing traffic/people. Need bigger/better schools."

"Need longer house/more employees."

"Need to replace Lakeview."

"Bus service is needed."

"Street repair on City Streets is way behind."

"Water inferior quality. Police took over 24 hours to respond to a call. Dental - no new Badgercare patients taken. School system - violence in the high school."

"(Sewer) cost per month."

"I don't feel they meet the needs of disabled children in all areas, especially in re: to mental illness, giving extra help to children in areas where they struggle or encouraging them/advanced classes in areas where they're strong."

"I went to high school here and it's wrong. The teachers are mostly biased."

"My street is fairly new and it not in good condition - removal is bad too."

"We are charged for sewer, for water used for lawn and garden use. It doesn't seem fair."

"Streets - not fast enough snow removal especially south on 46. Dental - takes six months to get appointment. Garbage - rude people and do not pick up everything."

"Many streets are full of temporary patches. There are also many without curb and gutter."

"A grocery store and dry goods store downtown so shopping could be done without driving a mile or two out of town."

"This past summer the street cleaner went down our street on one side once and up the other two times was all. There was a lot of grass from an empty lot next to us and pine needles down the streets."

"Police are short-handed."

"(Library) removed from the heart of town where little children, mothers with infants, and aged could access without driving or bicycling out on the busiest thoroughfare in town to make a left turn from the highway."

"We are at end of line and the water is rusty and smells at times."

"In great need of a bigger fire hall."

"Police not enforcing curfew. not enforcing ATV and snowmobile speed limits. Library - no hands on activities for 12 years and under. School - people of Amery appear to be afraid to spend money on their schools."

"Lincoln on one side, Amery on the other, not plowed too soon in the winter."

"Dental Arts wouldn't give me an appointment because they don't take new patients."

"Can't get prompt police assistance if after hours. Assistance comes from Polk County Sheriff which takes too long. Library - would like it open all day Sat. and Thurs., as well as longer hours."

"Very poor street repair. New Griffin Street has been dug up several times as well as Keller Avenue near A&W after new paving."

"We live in the City of Amery, but still have our own water and sewage systems."

"Have own well and septic and no school age children."

"No City water and sewer."

"I live in the City limits with no City water or sewer."

"Older people should have more help with medical bills."

"Street very rough - many potholes - needs resurfacing."

"I live in Waters Edge Senior Apartments - soft water and drinking water comes through one faucet and is so salty - have to buy all cooking/drinking water because of high blood pressure."

"We haven't had a fire drill - when we were in Clayton, we had one every year at the apartments."

"(Dental) they refuse to take medical assistance."

"Harriman Avenue sure needs to be repaved."

"Haven't been able to find a dentist that accepts medical card (insurance) that many people have."

"Medical - not enough specialties."

"(Dental) disabled adult with kids on Badgercare - will not accept it."

"(Ambulance) Why it should cost over \$400.00 to go one mile to hospital and nothing is covered by Medicare."

"Have to call 911 after hours for non-life threatening situations. No tooth pulling dentist on emergency situations."

"(Ambulance) too expensive."

"(Ambulance) Did not accept Medicare charges last time I used it - paid out of pocket. Can't afford to pay that and medicine."

"Poor tasting water."

"Water too hard."

"Schools need swimming pool."

"Water and sewer cost too high. Bus service to go to Eau Claire or the Twin Cities for shopping or entertainment."

"Streets that need fixing don't get it. And the town side streets are not plowed good at all. I think we need more police on duty and all laws should apply to police also. I have had bad experience with Amery medical Center. I don't feel the school works well with parents if they quest the school's way or teacher's."

"(Water, sewer, street maintenance, medical, garbage, school) monopolizing - overpriced."

"Private street, not well taken care of."

"In need of a bigger garbage or one that we can have our own in east side court."

"Flushing causes black crusty residue left in toilets and around faucet rims. Library hours are limited. Garbage collector leaves dumpster in street, hindering traffic."

"No paved street. No fire hydrant near our mobile home court."

"Power goes out quite a bit."

"No dental for people on medical assistance."

"(Water, sewer) because I live in a trailer court and it should be included in lot rent."

"When I need a dentist for an emergency, they are not there to help."

"Potholes in roads, not plowed; no police when you call for them; can't walk in library, mess all over; inadequate health services provided; watermain should not have monopoly on garbage; school education in Amery is poor."

"Very difficult for Senior Citizens to get affordable transportation."

"Had watermain breakage in 1995. Ambulance doesn't accept what Medicare allows - too expensive."

"I don't go to the library."

"Assisted housing and the senior center - senior's don't have enough access to business' if they don't drive."

"Snowplowing."

"(Water, sewer) extremely expensive. (Police) no helpful response."

"Not enough doctors."

"Most of our streets are in very poor shape and the City never seems to have enough money to keep up with resurfacing of streets."

"There are too many youths roaming around town."

"The speed people use on Arlington Drive is horrible (teenagers the worst). I have never seen anyone ticketed or even pulled over. I have even complained and they still fly down the road."

"At times, rust in water and the water and sewer is too high for one person in household."

"I don't use library. Don't have kids in school."

"(Garbage) too expensive."

"Street lighting on our street - we have one 100 watt light for the entire block of 11 homes."

"There are a few sidewalks and road areas that need to be repaired. In the upper grades, I'd like to see a person available to help our students as needed with a particular subject that is difficult."

"Water and sewer too costly. There are streets that need updating before more parks."

"(Water, sewer), too expensive."

"(Street) North Street is in bad shape."

"Harriman Street needs surfacing."

"It would be nice to have street lights fixed on Apple Avenue."

"I'm afraid I may need an ambulance and I cannot afford."

"Without insurance and/or a job, medical attention is very difficult to get properly. The school's need to pay more attention to the troubled youth."

"Our street isn't completely cleaned (winter) all the time. Need to go back to basics in school and spelling."

"We at Riverview need storm protection - or at least let us use the High School - less traffic."

"Not cleaned often enough."

"School system needs safer way to bus children - too much traffic. Snow removal is terrible."

"Below 65 years old. No kids old enough to go to school."

8. What additional types of stores would you like to see in Amery? Other:

"Multi-plex theater, fitness equipment store, hobby store"

"Auto rental"

"We don't need any more cheap crap stores in Amery. We already have two and now a new one."

Target - Rainbow - yes."

"Grocery - no competition; prices not competitive"

"Chinese restaurant"

"Moderate price range ladies/mens clothing store."

"Health store"

"Large thrift store"

"Sporting goods"

"Discount store, surplus and overstock close-out type"

"We may wish for things to be convenient when we want things on the spur of the moment, but I think the fact is, retail in small towns remains a limited possibility. We need to focus on quality of life and presentation of what we have."

"Dodge - Chrysler dealer and Buick"

"Outlet mall"

"Wal-Mart"

"Auto service"

"Equipment rental"

"Auto service"

"Large bargain store"

"Wal-Mart or Target"

"Good bakery, Quick Lube"

"Hallmark or gift shop and Wal-Mart"

"Wal-Mart, Target"

"First class hotel (e.g. Holiday Inn), health club, first class restaurants (e.g. Bakers Square, Perkins, etc.)"

"Coffee shop - a good one"

"Christian Bookstore"

"Night club/supper club"

"More grocery stores"

"Discount"

"We definitely need a competitive grocery store"

"Sears or Penny's"

"A good place to have coffee"

"Hotel"

"Store for teens"

"They need a bar/grill classy for young professionals."

"White Castle Hamburgers! (It's what you crave!)"

"Sporting goods"

"Sporting goods store - hunting, fishing, etc."

"Sports store"

"Best Buy or similar and playhouse theater"

"Airport expanded and used by airlines similar to Eau Claire"

"Implement and snowmobile, boats, ATV"

- "24-hour gas station"
- "Full service gas station"
- "At the mall"
- "Target and/or better grocery store chain like Cub or More-4"
- "Farm"
- "We got it all here"
- "Wal-Mart"
- "Cheaper stores - only locally owned stores now."
- "Pet store"
- "Grocery on north side"
- "Variety store"
- "Dance club"
- "Coffee or specialty"
- "Chrysler"
- "Gas stations to check oil, etc."
- "Target"
- "General store like Target or Wal-Mart, Not ALCO."
- "Natural food co-op"
- "Sporting goods, antique"
- "McDonald's"
- "Bookstore"
- "Pet supply store, horse, cattle suppliers too"
- "Target, K-Mart one with medicine at cheaper prices."

12. When you cannot buy groceries or dry goods in Amery that you desire, what is the first city you go to for such items? Other:

- "Eau Claire"
- "Forest Lake"
- "Eau Claire"
- "Menomonie, Eau Claire"
- "Somerset"
- "Eau Claire"
- "Woodbury"
- "Stillwater"
- "Woodbury"
- "Balsam Lake"
- "Forest Lake and Osceola"
- "Lindstrom"
- "Menomonie"
- "Menomonie"
- "Cub"
- "Wal-Mart"
- "Eau Claire"
- "Spooner and Cumberland"

15. Is there a need to improve any of the following in the Amery central business district? Other:

"Handicap curbing and street right by them. Potholes."

"Several buildings unoccupied and in poor condition."

"Get rid of all the 2 hour signs on Main Street."

"Parking/tear down Amoco Station"

"Obeying crosswalk laws"

"Tenants in present buildings."

"Trees have grown too large"

"It's messy. Weeds growing between building and sidewalk. Full dumpsters with debris all over. Litter and glass near bars."

"Lighting for walking in evening. South Street is pretty dark - took out every-other one - when they were back."

"Sidewalks to mall south of town."

"Remove damn green signs which damage cars."

"Snow material"

"Seating so older people could walk Keller Ave. and find seating should they tire."

"Get the bars off of Main Street."

"Clean up the mess along the river (old Slumberland mess)."

"Remove gas station across from bank."

"Remove old liquor store."

"More parking"

"Old Amoco Station."

"Toilets in parks/school ballfields."

"Old Standard Amoco Station is an eyesore."

"Variety of stores besides antiques."

"Stop lights - intersection of Central Street and Keller Avenue."

"Too many signs on Keller. Remove parking ordinance signs from sidewalks."

"Sidewalk along Keller near Dr. Burkel is dangerous in how it tilts toward the street."

"Handicap parking"

"Transportation (taxi)"

"Fix junky looking signs. Replace big white plastic signs. Restore vintage storefronts."

"Keep the weeds down."

"Coffee place at the mall."

"Sidewalk to complete all of Minneapolis Street."

"Parking"

"Need brighter lighting in some areas."

"Riverside/View businesses park sitting area."

"Even more than the new ones."

"Stop lights at Alco corner."

"Restrooms"

16. What type of home do you live in? Other:

"Mobile home"

"Adequate"

"Townhouse"

"Townhouse"

"Condo"

"Townhouse/condo"

"Townhouse"

"Townhouse"

"Townhouse"

"Townhouse"

"Townhouse"

"Townhouse"

"Condo"

"Townhouse"

"Townhouse"

"Condominium"

"Townhouse"

"Townhouse"

"Townhouse"

"Townhouse"

"Condominium"

"Condominium"

"Townhouse"

"Townhouse"

"Condo"

"Townhouse"

"Townhouse"

"Low rent"

"Evergreen Village"

"Hi-rise"

"Mobile"

"Mobile home"

"Trailer home"

"Mobile home"

"Manufactured home"

"Mobile home"

"Mobile home"

"Mobile home"

"Mobile home"

"Mobile home"

"Mobile home"

"Mobile home"

"Mobile home"

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"Mobile home"
"Mobile home"
"Mobile home"
"Mobile home"
"Mobile home"
"Mobile"
"Manufactured housing"
"Mobile home"
"Mobile home"
"Mobile home"
"Mobile home"
"Mobile home"
"Mobile home"
"Trailer"
"Mobile home"
"Mobile"
"Mobile"
"Mobile home"
"Condo"
"Mobile home"
"Mobile home"
"Trailer"

26. Improvements needed:

"Help with stairs"
"My husband is in the rest home."
*502 "New fuse box"
"It is already improved"
"Foundation, siding, two windows"
"Larger bathroom"
"Downstairs laundry in apt. building"
"Sidewalk to streets does not match with next sidewalk."
"Shower stall"
"Ramp"
"Ramp"
"Roof"
"I live alone so don't need help in area."

40. Check any of the water problems that you have in your home. Other:

"The water in Amery has a high level of chlorine - we use a filtration system for all our needs - even the pets."

"Lime deposits"

"Bacterial mold on shower doors if not dried in 24 hours."

"Have own well."

"Use Culligan"

"Water in line"

"Slow running toilet"

"We have a softener which helps clear this problem."

"Black crud on drain and on any container that drops of water are left in."

"Have a softener."

"Black substance in toilet water from time to time during summer."

"No cold water"

"Expense"

"Chlorine smell"

"Black residue in toilet and on faucet rims."

"Very heavy lime deposit."

"Black jelly-like build-up on faucets."

"Pulsating pressure (slight)."

"Toilet doesn't run correctly."

"Use water conditioner."

"Too expensive"

"Have our own well"

"Not on City water"

"A chlorine after-taste if my water (in my drinking glass) if left for a time."

"Smell chlorine occasionally."

41. What material is the water lateral to your home? Other:

"Have a well"

"Don't have City water"

"Private well"

"We have our own water."

"Combination"

"Water lateral close to surface - needs winter protection from freezing."

"Cast iron (I think)."

"New home"

"Have septic system"

"Own well"

55. How may people in your household over age 18 are employed in the following communities?
Other:
- "La Crosse"
 - "Stillwater"
 - "Hammond"
 - "Osceola"
 - "Hudson"
 - "Glenwood City"
 - "Stillwater"
 - "Osceola"
 - "Turtle Lake"
 - "Bayport, MN"
 - "Osceola and Somerset"
 - "Osceola"
 - "Luck"
 - "Osceola"
 - "Pool nurse - various areas"
 - "Osceola"
 - "Rice Lake"
 - "Turtle Lake, Menomonie"
 - "Centuria"
 - "Osceola"
 - "Somerset"
 - "Osceola"
 - "Osceola"
 - "Osceola"
 - "Somerset"
 - "Osceola"
 - "Turtle Lake"
 - "Osceola and Dresser"
 - "Almena and River Falls"
 - "Dresser"
 - "Osceola"
 - "Osceola"
 - "Bayport, Luck"
 - "Osceola"
 - "Bayport, MN"
 - "Self-employed - location varies"
 - "Self-employed painter"
 - "Hudson (lot more money)"
 - "Centuria"
 - "Retired from Twin Cities job. Will be substitute teaching in Amery."
 - "Self-employed - travel in MN, WI x2."
 - "Somerset"
 - "Stillwater, Somerset"
 - "Sales/traveling in 9 states"

"Osceola"
"Bayport, MN"
"Self-employed"
"Turtle Lake"
"Lakeland"
"Osceola"
"Red Wing, MN"
"Woodville"
"Polk County. I volunteer Head Start Program and Amery Golden Age Home - no pay."
"Osceola"
"Bayport, MN"
"Turtle Lake"
"Milltown"
"Turtle Lake"
"Bayport"
"MN"
"Turtle Lake"
"Turtle Lake"
"Osceola and Boyceville"
"Travels all over - tree trimmer"
"Taylor Falls"
"Osceola"
"Osceola"
"Dresser"
"Osceola"
"Luck"
"Center City, MN"
"No comment - happy"
"Hudson"
"Osceola"
"Government - out-of-state"
"Osceola"
"Woodville, WI"
"Spooner, 1 day/week"
"Stillwater"
"Hudson/Stillwater"
"Bayport"

57. Comments:

"Taxes need to be lowered."

"We moved into Pondhurst last June. There are over 60 dwelling units here with the potential of 29 more units in the near future. For walking toward town, there is about a 300 yard stretch on Hwy. F from 105th Street Pondhurst to Willow Ridge that needs a sidewalk."

"The City crew does an excellent job of maintaining our City. They do have one fault though and that pertains to their over use of sand. I think they've said it is more cost efficient, but there is a limit as to how much they need to protect us from slippery streets. After all, we are from Wisconsin and we know how to drive on a little snow. This week we had a light dusting of snow (less than 1/4 inch). First snow of the season. It was melted off the streets and sidewalks by 10:00 a.m. They went out and applied sand. Come on, let's get real. Last night we had about an inch. By 6:30 a.m. they had sanded the streets already. I don't mean just a few hill side streets and tough stop signs. They sand every knoll, every curve, almost every stop sign, in the middle of blocks, and every place the driver feels like spreading a little. All summer long we try to make our city beautiful and as soon as it snows, we have the ugliest city around because our streets are sloppy and brown, not pretty and white. Our snowbanks along the streets are dirty all winter. Everything looks crummy. From a cost standpoint, their theory stands up only for a while. When you consider the damage to our lawns and flowers, damage to our carpets from the kids tracking sand in every trip through the door, the cost of running water on our lawns to leech out the sand and salt in the spring, the mess the business places have to put up with because of the slop tracked into our stores, and of course the cost of sweeping it up. As soon as the snow melts from the streets, the sweeper is out there. In December of 1999, the sweeper was out in the area of the hospital sweeping up sand. Tons and tons of it get dumped on us and then we pay to have it swept up, and we pay to clean out our storm sewers. There is a better way."

"We need another major grocery store in town to promote competition and lower food prices. A new multi-lane bowling alley would be great. Need a decent clothing store with just clothing/shoes and greater variety - not a cheap surplus store. A modern large health club complex, community center with a swimming pool. Clear Lake is run down and limited."

"Amery has too many parks now. They should take care of the ones they have. York Park should be turned back to private housing to earn tax money, App. \$1,000,000.00 valuation. New leadership that knows how to get the most for your dollar."

"Public housing has expanded beyond a small town's ability to support."

"Industry is important to our community. I recently watched City Council on Channel 27 and feel the airport is an important asset to our City for economic and medical reasons. In today's world, people want to fly to meetings or fly into a town to do business, recreation, etc. I was surprised to hear of the wonderful things that happen at the airport."

"All persons in the City of Amery should have City sewer and water. We need industry to keep Amery alive."

"People. We have enough parks. Tell the Mayor to knock off this ?!@! ?*! Amery should not become strictly a retirement community. Seems like anything for young people (not just teens) is voted out, harassed or not allowed. Just who does our council think is going to take care of all these old people?"

"There is a need for public transportation - an alternative to and from Amery to other parts of WI and MN, Twin City area."

"Have a roller skating rink. Have a health club."

"Noise, loud cars, fighting and general disregard for the people who reside in our neighborhood by the patrons of Uncle Bob's Bar. The problem has seemed to have worsened in the last year to year and a half. They (Uncle Bob's) should have bouncers patrolling the area to keep the rowdy's in line - as a good will gesture to the neighborhood of Maple Street East and Riverside Blvd. If not that we need more police presence in the area. Lots of speeding, trespassing, etc. Violators are gone before police would arrive, yet it still disrupts the peace in our neighborhood."

"1. Is the airport runway to be extended - it seems we don't have a choice, they are going elsewhere. 2. Any park, City land that the taxpayers have to pay for should be up for public vote. 3. Is the north water tower coming down - when is the public vote being held - and if not, who is going to pay for the upkeep? How much to take it down - make it public and plan ahead so we all can ask questions and vote. 4. Amery needs a pool either outdoor in the high school - it will beat paying for an empty water tower. 5. Amery needs a good coffee house like Caribou or Starbuck coffee shops with pasteries. Flavored coffee is not coffee by the coffee bean. We can't wait each time we go to the Cities to buy good coffee. 6. We can't thank John Frisco and his crew for their wonderful disposition, hard work, and care and concern they have showed to us and to those that are grateful. 7. We were told 5 years ago that all of Amery was to pay double for sewer and water due to the new treatment center for the next 4 years - well, when will the cost go down and how much is left to be paid for double time on the water really cuts into beautifying Amery lawns and flowers."

"What will be done with the old water tower in my back yard? When it is not going to be used, wouldn't it make sense to take it down rather than paint/repair it? Will it be safe when it stands there empty?"

"The street sign on Hyland should be changed from Hyland Street to Hyland area. The street sign is incorrect. There should be a speed limit on Tower Street and be enforced. A speed limit of 15 miles per hour. The cars go too fast over the hill."

"I hope when we get a new water tower that the old one will be removed."

"The people of the City should have a say as to what goes on, not just the mayor and the council as it seems to be right now. They seem to listen and then do as they please, regardless of what we have to say, they have no regard for use."

"Streets and sidewalks should be replaced at a faster rate. We need a Main Street program. Buildings between Utgaards and farmers best should be replaced. City should buy Wis. Central Property south of city hall and put a pavilion there."

"I would like to see our existing parks upgraded before new parks are undertaken. I would like to see a plan for replacing old sewer piping in the City rather than waiting for a problem. That way the City crew would be able to a lot time to replace piping and not lose time on existing projects to deal with emergencies."

"We need better water - tasting - softer water."

"There are businesses that have closed down on Keller Avenue that are witting vacant and are in need of being cleaned up to improve Main Street such as liquor store on the south side of town."

"I would like to see more side streets repaved as a lot of them are in poor condition. I would like to see the City get more involved with weed control on the Apple River."

"Parks and open space is important to our community. We need more paved pathways for walking, biking roads."

"We need 10 to 12 RV Campground spaces with electricity only - they can dump and take on water in North Park. Sites could be in trees, in North Park - or another area there. Payment by envelope into steel box, on your honor. Waco, TX does this - almost downtown, in park."

"There are no good paying jobs available in Amery."

"I feel the intersection of Oak Street and Keller Avenue should be changed to make a right-hand turn off of north-bound Keller into a 45 degree angle. As it is not, one must slow down so much in traffic that is accelerating to make the corner. I would suggest trimming off the north end of the North Twin Park to allow that change to a 45 degree angle. Failure to do this will one day cause an accident on Keller Avenue, and I hope I'm not the one that gets rear-ended. Thank you for your consideration on this matter."

"North Park is in "need" of lights at night."

"Overall, Amery is a good town to live in. Addition of Slumberland and Alco Stores were a plus. We need to watch what is being built on the outskirts of town. We don't want a hodge-podge of things being built and then closing or looking tacky. The front of the Amery Inn needs to be fixed up and we need to get rid of the old Amoco gas station."

"Having ramps or sidewalks and store entrances is also important for families with young children in strollers. Half of the stores have aisles too narrow for stroller access (Halloween business events - we are unable to go through some stores). Please have an Espresso/coffee shop with regular hours (not limited to Saturday nights), preferably with a drive-thru."

"Amery needs to secure industry and add homes. This would reduce the current property tax burden which is much too high for current goods and services. Develop a pool/health club. Although I golf, I think the Amery course needs a better vision - it is almost a private club. North Park needs more park benches and grills in the center east of the lake. Develop camping areas so encourage more people to visit our town. Get the punk kids off the streets and parking lots at night. Arrest them and put them to work cleaning up the town/park. Friendly up the town."

"Just wondering about City water - our street has a lot of wells around horseshoe (Summit)."

"Need to encourage growth. Better shopping and jobs. Accept times are changing, if it's not here - people will drive where it is."

"Please! A swimming pool."

"We have 2 grocery stores in Amery owned by the same person so prices are up on everything. If you look at towns around Amery, all gas prices are lower. Amery has nothing to offer young adults 16-18 years for jobs. Being disabled in my 30's, Amery has nothing for us. You have to be a Senior Citizen. Amery has a new school, but needs teachers that are here for more than just a paycheck. They don't offer a lot to children with disability and don't have classes for them. Driver's Ed. behind the wheel is only taught in the summer. They need to teach kids to drive in the winter months too. This is Wisconsin. They need to learn to drive on snow and ice covered roads too."

"The City should not put their residents in a position that they must sell their property which they have worked and saved for because the taxes are already out of line. There is no need for additional borrowing and debt incurring to provide services as police, fire dept., water/sewer is one thing. Life depends on them, but parks and pools are wonderful, but not a necessity. Parents can provide their children and selves with vacation, etc. Time someone started being responsible - we can't and shouldn't have it all."

"With the average raise that employees are getting running about 4% per year, I see no reason for the City of Amery to do anything that will require the continued double digit increases in our property taxes. Just because the Federal Government is taking more of our money than they need doesn't mean we should spend more to get some of it. The last thing the City of Lakes needs is a public swimming pool."

"Harriman Avenue very bad shape. Jobs in Amery have very low pay. Too many parks to keep up."

"I appreciate the City's interest in developing (and initially, acquiring) the river front/dam and York property parks. Has the City considered adding camping facilities anywhere? I think it would be an asset to our community. Even Clear Lake's small municipal campground offers a lodging alternative to visitors and a fun place for families to go on quick, spontaneous camping outings. I strongly oppose residential development of the York property. Let's keep it as a great public asset - don't sell off lots to raise revenue for the City."

"I'm in favor of improvements and progress - but within moderation for a smaller town such as Amery. That's why I choose to live in a small town. However, if real estate taxes increase much money, I have quite a lot of anxiety that I will have to move from Amery. I currently own my own home and support myself. I do not care to rent. I want the investment of a home. I can't afford an increase of real estate taxes."

"We need industry in Amery that pays enough to live on. We need competition for our grocery and drug stores. We need to improve our park equipment and playground. Other than the new climbing equipment put in last year, the rest of the playground equipment has been there since we were small children. We need a sidewalk all the way to Griffin Street in front of Alco. A lot of people walk that route and almost get run over by traffic."

"The City needs a group home for disabled persons who need supervision, especially those who are young enough to hold jobs. I like the foresight the City Administration is showing in planning for various development, including industry, housing, and parks. We would like to have a grocery store again in the northern section of Amery."

"I think it would be nice to have a place for vacationers who travel through to have a place to spend the night such as RV's and campers."

"We have some real eye sores on Main Street (the old Southside Liquor Store and the Old Camelot Motel). These two really jump out at me."

"Would like to see industry with high paying jobs. Would like to see Amery more attractive to young families and not just seniors, i.e.: swimming pools, good paying jobs (not assembly line types), moderately priced homes and lots available. Better regulation of use of our lakes especially by outsiders. They are often unusable especially on the weekends as there are more boats, PWC's, pontoons, fisherman, skiers, etc. They can be safely supported for their size."

"There is a real need for a larger restaurant or facility to hold big events (i.e.: receptions, reunions, etc.). The Golf Club, Amery Inn, Senior Center are great, but not large enough to hold big crowds. People have to go out of town for these when the preference would be to stay in town."

"Water quality appears to be an issue."

"Why spend more money on new parks when existing ones are not fully utilized such as the York property. We do not need a new Harvey Stower Park."

"Good fiscal responsibility by City Council. Excellent concern for the future of City - greatly appreciate development of river front - it is a great asset to a fine quality of life for all citizens; especially visionary. We are blessed with competent police protection, as well as street crews, etc.; and a mayor who is well-versed on what constitutes community at its finest level. Our main complaint is the swimmers itch problem in our lakes. Get a swimming pool soon."

"Stay away from the welfare grants."

"Would rather see run-down areas cleared and redeveloped than expand beyond the City limits. Prefer as little growth as possible - we like the small town atmosphere. Because we're retired without children at home, many of these issues do not apply to us. Also, because we're new to Amery, and are snowbirds (leave during winter), we are not as familiar with the needs of Amery residents as perhaps we should be."

"We don't feel we need more park areas - maintain what we have - provide good paying jobs (not \$6.00/hr. jobs) that cause families to be separated for long periods of time because they need to work 2 and 3 jobs to survive. Most of the people that have employees could or would not work for what they pay their employees. Do something about lowering taxes in City of Amery so more people could afford to live in Amery."

"Consisting of an all City housing building code; don't mix stick-built with factory built/two part homes in same area."

"I am disappointed that the City of Amery chooses to expand parks to include new ones within very short distance of large existing park. I am very disappointed to see the Planning Commission apparently wanting to abandon North Park. I would choose to concentrate resources (after taking care of essential services) on existing parks. Although a swimming pool is not my main concern, I would prefer the pool be outdoors and be funded by entire district - not just City."

"In general, Amery continues to present itself well. We would all prefer lower taxes, but at what expense, schools, police, parks, services in general. I'm not sure I'm for the trend for us to be the center of low rent or subsidized housing - we still need tax base. Main Street appearance isn't bad, but some store fronts are terrible in comparison to others. M&M Barbershop, outside. I'm for example - probably an unsolvable problem, but why not be positive and compliment those who have done a good job of using Main Street space. Harry Standant, Blackberry Hollow, all the window displays at all gift and antique shows add to the interest and character of the Main Street."

"I think an indoor or outdoor pool would add so much to this community."

"I own a home in another place and do not spend all of my time in Amery."

"New curb needed at north end of Harriman."

"We are concerned about some of the driving practices of people in Amery. In the 5 years we have been living here, we have had many close calls. You have to keep your foot handy for brakes. Maybe it's because of so many retired people or street signs, I don't know. We are also retired, so guess that puts us in the category. We love Amery, so guess we better not complain too much. There is a need for teenage activities and a swimming pool. The taxes in Amery are high enough, so we should be able to squeeze a pool for them from taxes or clean up the lakes. When the weeds are cut on lakes, it would be nice to have the machine scoop up weeds as they go. My husband for one has forked several tons of weeds that blow from opposite side of lake always. Each homeowner should be responsible for picking up their own weeds - not pushing them out to float over to someone else's shore. Enough said."

"The street lights do not work along the paved path on the southern edge of North Park. We enjoy walking during the summer and fall, but are unable to walk after dark. I would like to have more than one grocery store in town. If Dick's Market doesn't have something, there is nowhere else to go. Also, there is no competition - Amery is a nice town - a good place to raise a family - good schools, opportunities for employment, and plenty of recreations possibilities. I would have liked to have had a swimming pool in Amery while our children were growing up."

"Auto service: A Buick, Dodge, Chrysler facility would be advantageous for persons owning those types of automobiles or desiring to own. Remove the old Amoco station, signs, and ground surfacing; replace it with a downtown Keller Street parking lot. Also remove the brown house in the rear of the station. Place bumper stoppers at the edge of the family Pizzeria - City sidewalk to prevent cars from parking onto the City sidewalk. Improve the appearance of the old cheese factory."

"I think the downtown business district is not staying open the extended hours to compete in 21st Century. We should discourage Sunday and evening being open until 7:00 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. - South Amery is open until 8:00 p.m. or later. This survey is great. Now let's publish the results and get the local business people to expand their hours."

"Develop York Park now."

"We feel that the City should spend its time and money's on existing parks, and not develop any new ones at this time. Money should be spent on roads, sidewalks, curb and gutter that need repair."

"I think this is a real nice place to live. Where I live, all the neighbors were real friendly and made us feel welcome. Thanks."

"I would like to see a sidewalk on the way to the new Alco Store for people who need to walk there."

"This past year I had problems with my water/sewer. The City did an excellent job fixing the problem in a timely fashion. I feel they need to be commended for their efforts. I'm very pleased and satisfied with the other services provided by the City to our area."

"I believe Amery has enough energetic, health minded people to warrant a municipal building that would include a pool and various exercise equipment as well as handball courts. This should be a facility for young and old alike. The services offered should be varied enough to draw a broad scope of customers."

"We (Amery) needs to expand the industry park to provide more jobs. If Amery expands the industrial parks, then the airport should also expand. I think that the City should encourage new businesses to want to come to Amery a lot more in the future."

"Housing for young people/couples is very limited and expensive at best. Needs to be improved. Jobs in Amery are low paying. Need to have more competitive paying factories."

"Amery needs to allow the City to grow by allowing all businesses in whether it's food/groceries, fast food, or large commercial enterprises (Wal-Mart, Fleet Farm, Menards) allow cash flow to help the community not the Government's. We need to grow and flourish."

"I definitely support the deferred interest loan."

"I think we need to focus on our young people and their needs. Many people feel most decisions are made for the senior citizen's in this town."

"Open a channel between north and south Twin Lakes. South Twin would be revitalized and the beach improved."

"Amery is a lovely little City. We would not like to see the kind of housing development like along M in Osceola occurring here."

"We have too much tax exempt properties in Amery. We have adequate parks if they are taken care of. We need a City Council and mayor that knows our problems and can take care of them. (Not you people.)"

"I think Amery needs jobs that pay more than \$10 per hour. Also, Amery needs more grocery stores owned by more than one person so there is competition here. We shop out of town because prices are too high here."

"I am very unhappy about the grocery store situation. I like buying in my own town, but the prices are way too high. There is no selection and they usually are out of things quite often. You can't go anywhere else because Amery only has one grocery store. I have also found a lot of outdated dairy and produce products. We really need at least one other grocery store to have competition, as well as selection, and good prices."

"I feel the banks are not open long enough on weekends and also better places to eat like K.F. Chicken, McDonald's."

"We need a new mayor very badly. We don't need more parks. We need more council members who are in tune to the tax implications. We don't need the before the council meets. Meeting at the mayor's house. Maybe local paper reporter is too involved with council meetings."

"The Camelot Motel and the old Southside Liquor Store should be either upgraded or condemned. Before allocating funds for additional parks/recreation, we really need to replace City sewer pipes and properly rebuild our (all of our) City streets and concentrate on appearance."

"Trust in our children. They are the future of this City. By building a swimming pool/parks will only benefit our community."

"This questionnaire is relatively biased. It seeks support, i.e. do you think Amery should have a pool, but fails to ask its follow-up would you pay for it. Several other examples could be given. What it fails to ask the crucial question about high tax levels and why people are fleeing to the townships. Shame for ignoring that plus thoughts on the school system."

"Referendum vote for over \$15,000.00 park and recreation expenditures."

"1. Lakes management poor - City of Lakes becoming swampy. South Town Beach not usable - a lot of talk - no action. 2. York property - assets of rare trees, etc. - demolished. No public input for this environmental gem. Was Mr. York consulted? Does the City really understand what it has? 3. Water fowl need control. 4. ATVs going very fast on City streets."

"I and another fellow started a softball league for High School girls at Centuria three years ago because there was not a field in Amery that could be used on a regular basis. I have heard for the last 4 or 5 years about a so-call commission working on a softball complex, but haven't seen anything yet. Every time I ask about it, I'm told it's being taken care of."

"Taxi or bus service for elderly not necessarily medical related."

"I live on a corner lot. South Street is good - Harriman Avenue is bad - needs to be refinished."

"City Hall is for sure doing their best. Thanks - I've always felt proud to claim Amery as my home City."

"Very poorly put together - many questions should have if yes - skip the next questions. We need a new mayor. Streets are in need of repair all over town. Get more housing development going. We need more industry to get younger tax payers in Amery. We are getting older and not having enough people willing to spend money to appeal to the younger people we need."

"Sidewalk needed desperately extending past the public library to the mini-mall (post office/credit union/Dick's Market). Lakes need to be maintained. Manage weeds. Beach on South Twin Lake needs continued maintenance. Pave old railroad tracks/trail between Dresser and Amery. Open it to ATV and snowmobiles in winter."

"We definitely need more grocery stores. The one in this town is outrageous. Some decent shoe store and clothing store."

"If the City plans on applying for Federal Grants (like 0% loans), they better be ready to do it right, not like the County does it, but turning around after you've been approved and give it to hard luck cases. It's not welfare, it's for everyone that meets the needs."

"Amery is one of the most beautiful and clean cities I've seen. Taxes are very high, which could result in the elderly having to sell their homes so thought must be given to them whenever improvements are made. I would like to see the beach (for swimming) improved upon so it can be used all summer for families."

"I feel that there are way too many senior citizen facilities in Amery. The more we provide for this little is being done to encourage our younger generation to stay in Amery. Basically nothing is provided for them. Also, our groceries are being monopolized by one group of people and there isn't any competition to keep the prices down a little. It's driving people elsewhere."

"Would like to see some competition in the grocery area. Develop some biking/walking trails in/around Amery. Limit 4-wheeler use on City streets."

"I feel there is a need, voluntary or otherwise, for help for those that need shoveling, raking, painting, etc., esp. elderly and poor. A project to beautify the City - clean-up, painting, trimming, etc. A plan to draw more higher paying jobs to Amery to help keep younger people in Amery and draw people to Amery to live."

"Amery should have more than one grocery store. I know there's the express store, but run by the same person (will not go in there). money given by Tommy Thompson, etc. It is not fair at all. The new Alco store is nice and something really needed. Not another gas station like Dick put up. I am all for the drug stores selling groceries like they do - Alco and Dollar Store too."

"I'd encourage a community recreation facility such as YMCA for pool, health club, teen activities, which are lacking in Amery."

"Long range and short range planning is extremely important. All aspects of community life need to be considered and integrated into planning and development. Citizen involvement and participation is crucial. The mayor and council members are to be commended for the positive progress made recently."

"Rental housing unrelated to income. Our family shops in town if available."

"Amery needs more job creation at a pay scale level that a person can support a family with not minimum wage or lower pay like most jobs are in Amery."

"Keep all land possible on tax roll."

"I feel pretty content."

"Amery needs industry that will pay a better wage so working people don't have to live in poverty. Business/school internships are necessary so that non-college bound high school students can learn a trade instead of dropping out of school."

"Would be nice for more stores, but we questions if they could make it because Town/area population isn't large enough at this time. Also, tax on clothing drives people to Cities. Clean up south side liquor store and filling station, the old Rassmussen law building. The reference to sidewalk to mall is a safety issue. People walk the loop past schools, Griffin Street, Keller; no sidewalk to connect from library to Griffen. New with Alco there, and post office at mall, there is a need to provide safe walking. Keller traffic is fast and heavy. Opportunities to young people to stay in Amery area after graduation - to come back after college to decent paying jobs (technical jobs) paying \$12 to \$18 per hour. The subject of long range planning. The city of Amery doesn't have a good history for solid long-range planning. There has been no 50 year plan, 10 year plan, barely year-to-year. Zoning has been haphazard. Some projects had been too conservatively done, to save a dime, there have been costly consequences. One of the latest goofs was to place the doghouse (Arnell Animal) where the sound of barking carries to nearby residential area. Nice."

"Very important to have neighborhood parks in any housing development. Need better traffic control at south end of City - traffic lights, lower speed limits, passing lanes, etc. Need to plan for growth. Extra-territorial zoning must be done."

"Would be desirable to have grocery store competition. Unless the airport is self-sufficient (not costing taxpayers anything), shut it down and use the land for industrial or housing development; use the Osceola airport. Apply for federal grant to pay down debt of the golf course; it is a wonderful asset to the City and could be even better without the heavy debt service."

"A new park is being developed costing approximately \$90,000. This park project was never put to a vote by the citizens of Amery. We had three separate votes to try to get a swimming pool. Why was one projected voted on and not the other one? Personally, I feel a new swimming pool is much more important to have in this town than a new park."

"Stop bringing in low rent and elderly housing until housing is available for the working class."

"There needs to be more options for the youth in the community. I am 20 years old and grew up in Amery with little options of things to do. Lack of options lead to drugs and vandalism, along with other troubling acts. I don't like to see our youth going down the path I once traveled. We need to help our youth, not ignore the problem. I would be willing to help, feel free to contact me."

"We strongly feel that the City streets all need to be fixed or replaced before any more money is spent on parks - old or new. Amery needs to lower it's tax base to attract new residents."

"Please fix our streets and spend money where it is really needed and not on (fluff) item that our City doesn't immediately need; i.e. parks, trails, etc. Get more community participation on parks, trails, etc., and get clubs like the Lion's or Church groups to sponsor these things and relieve some tax burden on the rest of our vast community full of working class poor."

"Thank you for Alco. No more trips to St. Croix Falls. We do need another grocery store for competition."

"There is a need for a better parking area by the hospital."

"The clinic needs to provide parking for their employees. Parking on Harriman has created a traffic hazard because the parked cars obstruct the view of the traffic flow. Harriman should not be considered a parking lot. Don't feel it is necessary to put any money into the river front uptown - put it into a fund for a pool where all ages benefit."

"Need sidewalks going out to the Alco store and Dick's Market."

"I think we need more industry that pays more so people don't go to Anderson Window, Hudson, Cities, two people making \$7.50 to \$8.00/hour. Doesn't hit it with a family. Grocery store in Amery is ok. There is no competition for it at all being there is only one store (two with the same owner). Gas prices in Amery are not right. You can go to all the surrounding areas and it is .08 to .10 cheaper. Who's setting gas prices in Amery."

"This survey is a great idea and a wonderful tool for public involvement - depending on your follow-up. I think Amery's future growth should be well-planned and anticipated. The kind of community we are going to be depends on the planning - or lack of it - that is done now."

"Elderly person using the senior center."

"Amery needs a swimming pool available for adults and children - separate from the school."

"We need to be proactive in this community. Osceola, Baldwin, etc. are similar size communities with rapid growth and development. We must be prepared for growth, be appealing to new residents and future industry providers. However, this growth must be well planned and centered on improving Amery and the needs of everyone."

"Recreational use of the airport by jets are overly noisy and a nuisance. The 4-way stop at Minneapolis and Broadway unnecessarily restricts traffic 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to solve a problem that exists 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week, for only part of the year."

"If the City grows, gets more industries, etc., there should be parks, playgrounds, aquatic center, etc., for the young people as well as elderly."

"I would like to know why the price of gasoline in Amery is higher than most any place in the state."

"Amery is a very good place to live. Taxes are much too high. I like to see the growth in shopping choices. Medicine facilities are excellent."

"I feel more than more parks and playground, Amery needs a heated indoor swimming pool - like New Richmond in the aquatic center to be used by seniors and everybody for water aerobics, physical therapy, also for wheelchair people, besides regular swimming. We also need a nice bowling alley. Would all be incorporated in an athletic center along with exercise equipment, etc."

"We think a swimming pool in connection with the school (indoor and year round) is very necessary."

"We need low rent places or moderate rent with garage connected. Need more grocery stores, we need more competition. Prices are too high and the gasoline prices are way out of line in Amery. I go to St. Croix or Taylors Falls. We need a band stand (large) with great acoustics like at Rice Lake. Should be where the old depot was or where the old football field was. Big holes in the roads in Amery. Sure aren't taken care of good."

"Please keep Main Street attractive. Expand parks and public lands for recreation. Protect our waterways. We have a wonderful hard working City crew. Fortunate to have a great senior center."

"Didn't answer some of the questions as they don't apply to my wife and I - we are both senior citizens and retired."

"With the rapid growth in the Baldwin area, it would seem that in the not-to-distant future, the growth will also hit the City of Amery. I hope that the City will plan ahead wisely and prepare for the growth in advance. I do feel the City needs more facilities for our young children such as: swimming pool, recreational center, exercise/health club, better movie theater, etc."

"It would be nice to have some clothing that is not in a low cost store. We need another clothing store and more than one person in grocery business. I would be happy for a bit more variety and so would our summer people."

"Cheaper gas and groceries. The Twin Cities are only one hour away and these items are a lot cheaper."

"I feel that a new family style restaurant in Amery is needed."

"Need a sidewalk from Pondhurst to Willow Ridge. All sidewalks need to be kept snow-free in the winter."

"No more parks needed in current City. Fix streets."

"Amery is a friendly, clean town. Pluses are: good people, good schools, library, beautiful lakes. Negatives: no pool for citizens and students to use winter and summer, no health club for exercising, trails are all for motorized vehicles rather than for biking, walking or running. Danger using County road F for biking into town due to speeding and no shoulder. Amery's focus seems to have been on seniors in the past rather than young people, or young couples raising children. I'd like to see more in town other than antique stores. Coffee shops, clothing and sports stores."

"Amery is not the same town I moved to. Only one owner, two grocery store. My bank closed - more important was moving the library and post office out of town - closing of our department store - our women's store - Alco is okay, but it would have been nicer to have a better store for clothes, etc. It appears to be a larger dollar store which we already have. It's better than nothing, but disappointing. I am a senior and am thinking of selling and moving to a town in tune to seniors. I look ahead and having to drive out on the highway out of town for everything. Is poor planning considering all the senior apartments downtown. I loved Amery and being able to walk to everything before - it's not that great anymore."

"We believe that Amery has the potential to grow quite a bit in the next few years. Amery's industrial company's should have a higher rate of pay so the people in the community don't need to go to the surrounding cities to seek the pay needed. There should be more affordable grocery/food store available. We currently travel to Stillwater for groceries to avoid the high prices."

"Amery should retain the services of a landscape architectural firm with city planning expertise to define and connect our green spaces while highlighting our City's major assets - its natural resource (water fronts, lakes, rivers, wetlands, hardwoods, etc.). Please also look closely at the school campus to try to prevent the encroachment of industry on our school's. Children should be surrounded by neighborhoods, not factories. Our City may need many things, but it first needs a professionally developed plan."

"We have enough parks' now all we need to do is finish equipping them and maintain. If airport needs extension, do it with Federal and State help. Think of the future."

"A diversity of shops in Amery would encourage or attract shoppers. Antique shops become dull to those who avoid shopping for another's old possessions."

"Continue the effort to revitalize the riverfront and downtown."

"I think more competitive company's need to be brought into Amery - Dick's Market and the Amery Express is a monopoly in this town - Cub, Festival, Country Market would give more options. A swimming pool is also needed."

"After the issue of the airport came up at our last City council meeting, more effort should be made to accommodate the airport needs - Amery does have enough parks."

"I would like to see other cable and telephone companies in Amery. We don't get half of the channels that other towns and Cities have and we pay more and get less for our money because we have an independent service and it's that or nothing. Our hands are tied. We need other cost to come in and give this Amery Telecom a scare, so they can come down on their rates (which are ridiculous to begin with). I've tried to get MCI only to get double billed by both Amery and MCI for the same long distance phone call. MCI looked into it and informed me that I couldn't have MCI because Amery was independent and they controlled our rates."

"Leave housing to private developers. We would like a health club with an indoor pool. Another grocery store for some competition."

"Education and community growth should be priorities. Teens need their issues addressed in a positive manner."

"I believe the City Council has done an adequate job in most every topic. Airport Commission was out of line and your standing up to them showed some backbone. I like the idea of the new park by the Apple River - should be a great improvement. You have the best possible City crew - give them some more money and benefits. Try to keep some of the pettiness out away from the cameras - just makes things look like a soap opera. Keep up the good work."

"Please remove fluoride from water - it is very big health hazard, it has now been proven to do nothing to prevent tooth decay, but does increase cancer risk, Alzheimer's risk and causes more brittle bones and brittle teeth enamel - fluoride has been banned in 98% of Europe now and was never approved by the FDA."

"We definitely need a street light at our end of Valley Street - area is very dark."

"Many sidewalks in the community are growing over with grass from resident's lawns. It makes it very difficult for walking."

"A walking path around our beautiful lakes would be nice. Intermediate School should move to the campus area near the other three schools. It's not handicap accessible. We need sidewalk extended from the public library to Riverplace Mall. I think there's a need for a facility like New Richmond's Wellness Center and the Friday Aquatic Center. Our hospital should invest and support it. There is a foul odor from the waste treatment plant in summer. This community has a large number of retired people. There is more here for them than for younger people. Warehouse buildings owned by Slumberland are a disgrace! Certainly that company can afford paint and repairs. Many residents in Amery feel this community is run by a few business owners and that Amery won't thrive."

"I would like to see tougher action taken to preserve our local lakes and rivers. Example: no building within 50 feet of waterfront. Also, not allowing the change to natural shore lines and waterfront. Thank you."

"I believe the City needs to concentrate on fixing/remodeling existing parks and/or buildings. I believe we don't need anymore new parks, as the other parks are in need of repair. Bathrooms at North Park are old. North Park needs more lighting and most of the equipment at North Park has been done by the Lion's Club. Fix the parks we have first before spending more money to make new parks. City needs a swimming pool and more police to serve the many people on our roads. Should have a liaison officer at the school."

"Use long-term borrowing for revenue proceeding projects only, not for parks. Expansion of airport to accommodate corporate aircraft."

"Need a more comprehensive and long range plan. Seems like we now act on immediate needs with no thought as to a comprehensive long-term outlook."

"We need another grocery store. We currently have no competition on groceries and prices are high. A lot of people, including myself, have started shopping out of town."

"No more parks - develop the ones we have. Increase the runway length at the airport. Bring more high pay jobs into Amery."

"The new area that will get developed will be real estate that is owned by an aggressive land owner that would like to make a bundle of money. The City may plan for development but don't feel the \$150,000 to \$200,000 are affordable to most people employed in Amery Industry. Amery might need a swimming pool, but I don't feel that I want to be taxes for it. I do get exercise now walking to the Amery Post Office."

"We have a big problem with the airport - we do so many pay for such few participants."

"Need better street lighting in areas of high pedestrian traffic - Minneapolis Avenue/Broadway Street. Many students use these streets to and from school events and it is very dark."

"Need a swimming pool real bad. Parks are nice - need to improve and upgrade the parks we have. North Park needs repair and maintenance real bad. Ball diamond and old creek area need to be filled and leveled."

"Keep rural Amery as it is. It's nice to have big town ideas, but people moved here to get away from big cities and their problems. So why do you want more people? Keep Amery much as it is and keep growth down and taxes too."

"Jobs - both in higher wages and better work conditions are needed to support family living."

"Our family just moved to Amery and we are really enjoying the area."

"At present we have enough parks and schools and city taxes."

"Amery has several parks, some are not even identified as parks. Each park should have a sign to identify it by name. Riverplace Mall should change it's name to Riverplace Plaza - as it is not a Mall and Amery looks silly calling it one. More curb and gutter and sidewalks are needed, but this should be the cities responsibility and home owners should not charged for them."

"I truly feel that the senior citizen's and low income people (as well as disabled), are being taken advantage of by the high cost of both groceries and gas - these people are unable to travel elsewhere, and Amery has always been much higher on these areas than other neighboring towns."

"Badly in need of new Mayor. Not more parks which all come off tax rolls."

"We need a swimming pool for people of all ages, both young and old, for both recreation and health."

"It would be great if the old cheese factory could be repaired or torn down. Many sidewalks are uneven - hard to walk without stumbling. We do not need any more gas stations, craft and gift shops. The Apple River is smelly and not very pretty. The bridge on Otis Avenue needs repair - a wider bridge is needed."

"I think the sidewalk from the High School should be expanded down to the stop sign going south."

"City employees don't return phone call and when they finally do call, they lie just to get you off the phone. The City needs to pay more attention when a new development is started, particularly elevation. Cut tree branches from sidewalks and also get rid of grass and weeds that grow in cracks. Clean street drains - always clogged with grass and garbage, also they should follow their own laws in regards to the 6-inch grass rule. I have been looking at 3 feet of grass for 3 years. Very unhappy citizen."

"Never mine the parks get more better paying jobs in the area and competition for super value and their ever-increasing prices."

"Eventually I would like to see the City of Amery to become strong, wealthy, and safe for our children. I think the school system needs some improvement."

"Please no more parks. The playground equipment in the North Park is nice, but it is too congested. It could have been put in the open field to the west so more people could use it without feeling that you are on top of each other - put some picnic tables around where they have these little parking spots."

"Streets (some streets) need improvements. Great need for an indoor pool (municipally owned) for young and old. Let's think about our kids and Central Avenue. Road down to Little League Ballfield (off Minneapolis Avenue) should be blacktopped. It's in poor shape. Gets used by a lot of people - cars - 4-wheelers, etc. - all the time."

"I live alone and I'm over 80 so I don't care for changes."

"The City should clean up their property or cut down the trees if they don't want to clean them up."

"I feel garbage company and telephone company has a monopoly in town and that is against free enterprise laws."

"The ball field behind Hardees is in desperate need of repair. The fence is broken down, the lights are show, and the level of the field needs to be raised to prevent flooding. This area needs to grow its industrial base. Maybe a survey to determine how much talent drives to the twin cities every day to obtain employment."

"We have enough parks at this time, maybe a gazebo or other shelter at Soo Line Park. Expand the runway at the airport north (overpass over road) shell or lease use of a building and runway use to American or other airlines. Look into setting up a college in town. People will come from all over to pay tuition, rent, groceries, etc."

"Keep the Farmers market where it is. People will not see it on a side street. Tourists and others just driving through Amery will never see it."

"We need a new Mayor. Have a more aggressive industrial development committee. Get some of the old ones off who own a business on Main Street. More industry creates more jobs for more people to help with taxes. Have City Police patrol more and spend less time sitting at the City Hall. If Amery does not start growing faster, it will be the smallest City in Polk County. Look what's happening in the towns around us. Make our local gas station get more competitive so I don't have to drive out of town to purchase gasoline."

"Speeding!!"

"A source where a person could find willing help to do an assortment of assignments for a decent wage such as help moving furniture, paint a garage, weed a garden, etc. The Amery Band slave rental is not available except for a brief annual period. The City could not or should not consider this a place to keep jailed persons or persons assigned to do community service."

"Would like to see more jobs offering \$13 - \$15 per hour starting range with about a \$5 range from top to bottom of the pay scale."

"The parks we have are enough. Too many things have been dismantled. Why build more? There are a few people around that like to wreck things. Let's take good care of what we have."

"Clean the river - reverse the damages caused by the fertilizer plant. Regional Airport for the communities of New Richmond, Amery, Osceola, and St. Croix Falls. Eliminate local airports at Amery, New Richmond, and Osceola."

"I believe the grocery store situation needs to be addressed. The present owner I feel played a very dirty deal by buying out one grocery store making only one store available and then have his son tie up the only other store possibilities and then his pricing increased. I have heard a lot of comment from the older folks of this community. I picked up an item that was \$1.00 over the cost of New Richmond stores. That can certainly make a difference for low income families or older folks. I also feel the City Council makes for too many decisions without input from the community. I would like to see and hear more community involvement before such major decisions are made."

"Instead of buying more parks, the parks we have need to be maintained."

"This is not a very good town for biking. A trail or biking lane would be nice. I have nothing against ATVs or snowmobiles, but they tend to rule the streets. I think a little more diversity. I love the ideas for the park by the River. The Mayor did a great job. It will be a great addition to the City."

"City should enforce clean-up of former liquor store by Hardees and former Amoco by Bremer. City should develop an architectural theme and standards for store fronts, especially as they change materials during remodeling. Original fronts with architectural integrity should be preserved, not covered with plywood and tin. Operating businesses should keep properties in good state of repair (ex.: store north of locker plant). Restaurants should ban smoking or have a legitimate non-smoking corner such as Village Pizzeria. At least smoke enters and effective ventilation should be used."

"It would be interesting to know how many people are over 65, how many of these are male or female, and how many are under 18. Maybe the census bureau already has this info."

"The City could save a considerable amount of money in a year's time if the City crew wasn't running back and forth to their home with the City's red vehicle. A waste of work time, gas and wear and tear on the vehicle. Also, don't feel workers need to take the vehicle home at lunch time. At times, I've seen the vehicles go to the workers home three times in one day. When are they working?"

"Amery needs to improve some areas of town - specifically outside - in building, old Standard Oil Station, old cheese factory building, Amery fire department building. Also, Keller Avenue is cluttered with signs particularly parking ordinance signs. The parking ordinances aren't enforced and the signs have caused a lot of damage to vehicles as they try to park."

"We think new businesses should be discouraged if they can't pay a living wage and not locate here."

"I do not appreciate the City changing the zoning to allow for industrial park expansions in areas zoned for agricultural/residential purposes, i.e. Plastec. Would love to see better snowmobile/4-wheeler control within the City. Sidewalk along Minneapolis Avenue, west side, needs repair. Before allowing major development projects (like the Rasmussen property), allow homeowners the opportunity to purchase a buffer strip between their home and the development. Also, don't appreciate major habitat destruction for housing development when it will be years before 100 homes are built there (i.e., Rasmussen property). Would like to see a park area within City where cross country skiers can enjoy a ski without having trail used and thus ruined by snowmobiles."

"Very concerned about City Planning, i.e., humane society in area of residential and commercial buildings. Curfew not being enforced for the problem people roaming streets and in or near businesses. The old liquor store on Keller Avenue with all the dealings going on there."

"A place for singles to meet other than bars. More recreation for teenagers. A place for kids of all ages to go that is drug-free and chaperoned."

"No River Park - a waste of money - any new parks should be in newly developed areas. Jobs - no more minimum wage jobs - get real industry. No more low cost housing - we have more than our share (senior housing ok). Get a City Council that does not follow the Mayor blindly."

"We need to make decisions in which we can be fiscally responsible for i.e., maintenance of already existing parks, streets, water and sewer before we begin spending money unnecessarily on these we will not be able to maintain in the future. North Park would still be without playground equipment if not for other organizations taking responsibility. Let's put our priorities in place before we go on to add more parks in the City of Amery. How many parks can we afford to maintain the upkeep on? I'm not certain that is a priority for my tax dollars. Thank you for asking."

"Two sites that are eyesores - Standard Oil old station - old cheese building - I believe it belongs to R. Anderson. Harriman Avenue needs new blacktop. We don't need any more parks."

"We were told in 1963 when we purchased this property that City water and sewer would come through in 3-4 years - our water is very bad. I cannot drink it and with Culligan I get by."

"It concerns us that there is no longer any competition in the grocery field. We now go out of town for most of our supplies. I strongly feel this is wrong. I am an advocate of home town support but there comes a time when one just gets less illusioned."

"I think Amery should have a municipal swimming pool which could teach swimming, life saving, and provide a place for children and young people to enjoy themselves. It could provide employment for qualified young people - have certain times of the day for adults and seniors and really be a grand addition to our City."

"I am satisfied with everything - no complaints."

"Many did not apply for older retired people."

"I don't understand why the City is spending so much time and money building parks when we don't need all of them and furthermore, no one uses them."

"The mail service is terrible. One day we get mail before 11:00 a.m., the next 1:30 p.m. A lot of the letters are open. Also packages are open. It surely could be more regular."

"I am satisfied with the expansion of Amery."

"We really need to compete with all the development by St. Croix Falls - even I find it cheaper and easier to stop at Marketplace or Wal-Mart on my home from work than driving two miles past my home to the nearest real grocery store. If you build it, they will come."

"I would like to see a facility for living quarters for mentally ill and those with mental problems. My granddaughter works with consumers. Those kind of people need living quarters and someone to act as a housemother, father, etc."

"Need a low cost food store in north Amery and a more convenient post office for our seniors."

"Don't move everything on south side."

"It should not cost over \$400.00 to ride one mile to a hospital. The workers were efficient, prompt, and caring. But can I afford to stay alive? Water and ice. Alley east of building on this block."

"I would love Amery to be an ideal town, but the taxes and water expenses are outrageous already. We plan to move to Clear Lake soon."

"I am very disgusted with only having one grocery store in town - prices are too high. Recently went to Cub Foods in Stillwater and saved approximately \$75.00 on my total bill. This is a significant amount being a single male parent. Also, why are gas prices \$.05 - .07 higher than surrounding communities? Please investigate. Would like to shop locally, but prices too high, hardware, groceries, etc. Also - great idea. Keep expanding."

"I feel the cost of living in Amery, with property values and general cost of living here, is starting to exceed most people's ability to earn a living locally. Most of our jobs in this are still far below Twin Cities wages, yet affordable housing is becoming more difficult as our property values continue to rise. Rent in Amery is starting to close-in on Twin Cities rental prices, yet the wages still lag far behind."

"Coordinated and well thought out improvements to avoid sprawl common to other rapidly growing areas. Maintain the small town flavor of this community."

"More enforcement of speed limits on streets where a lot of people walk, but there are no sidewalks. More cleared areas along the river in our parks for people to fish."

"On the issue of bringing more industry work into Amery is important, for savings wear and tear on cars, and also the roads in the winter here, are in no way shape or form, can compare to Iowa and Minnesota, which I've lived in. If more industry was here in town, save a lot of pressure, stress, and missed work, because we cannot get to our jobs, for the roads are impassible, which is also dangerous to our lives, because people have to meet their bills, hard to do when you miss two days of work."

"Would like to see railroad bed west developed for biking, hiking, etc. We need to promote fitness, not more and more use of motorized vehicles and couch potatoes."

"I would like to see rental properties for senior citizens without a lot of young kids around and be able to have an area for some gardening if they would like to be able to do so. Take a poll to see what they would like to see for entertainment in this area instead of having always to drive to the Cities."

"I am not sure why this is sent out. The Board will do what they want to do."

"I feel more things need to be provided for kids to do and feel more kids and young adults could live fuller lives and stay out of trouble if there was like an indoor pool and like a teen and young adult dance arcade center. Drugs are bad in Amery like everywhere, but if the kids had something to do other than ride around on their bikes and stand around on streets. The kids would be better off."

"This City is filled with a gout that seems only interested in the personal gain of the officials."

"I would like to see some kind of a swimming pool be put in because the beaches are full of weeds and you get the itch from the water. Also would like to see more surplus outlet stores for clothes. I really don't like seeing jets flying so low in the summer. We don't need them."

"It's common opinion that Amery caters to senior citizens above all others. The families and D.I.N.K. households have more money to spend here, but no incentive to spend it. The grocery store owner monopolizes the grocery market and the gas stations don't compete. The consumers suffer because of this. I prefer to spend my money elsewhere until this City considers my needs."

"Need new water tower."

"We need more than one grocery store. It is horrible that we don't have a choice."

"I live in a mobile home. We could use a place in case of a tornado."

"I would like to see a restaurant south of town."

"I feel we should have a pool with the community providing most of the funding."

"A park in the south end of Amery."

"Traffic does not stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. Speed limits are not enforced in the downtown area. One supermarket stinks. The prices are high - selection is low."

"Seniors at center E apartments well cared for - not those of us alone on our own - need rides - library books - volunteer shoppers - so many cars and vans are almost impossible to get in and out of - we need electric carts in stores or at least wheelchairs to use. Concerts at school - need reserved parking close to door - some volunteer and wheelchairs to help us into place - just because we cannot go on our own two feet doesn't mean we wouldn't love to go. How about visiting with lonely people? via telephone or in person? Someone to take list of names who would like company. More videos or musicals - or some made available at small rate. School needs better sound system for program."

"Keep farm market at Soo Line Park."

"For being a single mother of 3, I feel the Griffin Street Trailer Park's lot rent is way too expensive."

"I'm retired and plan shopping on a large basis and make a trip to a larger area where groceries are cheaper and gasoline is cheaper. I drive about 8 to 10 thousand miles a year and gasoline and grocery shopping pay for themselves in buying cheaper in other towns. Why is gasoline the exact same price at four different gas stations here in town and why are groceries cheaper in neighboring towns?"

"Corner of 46 and Griffin needs to be marked better as to turning from South especially - or else some better lanes added."

"I feel we need more housing for people of low income. I am in that bracket and I know how hard it is to make it on my income."

"I would like to see another grocery store in town - on the north end of town."

"Why does it seem that the prime housing development areas along the river have been used up by a glass company, a humane society building with barking dogs, and other commercial or industrial buildings. It seems that the long-range planning has already been shot in the foot with nowhere else to go. I'd say poor planning, especially when the industrial park was already to the east of town."

"The bridge on Griffin (the sidewalk part) is being chewed up and rotting from the snowmobiles. They should not be using the beautiful sidewalk either. Sidewalk is not meant for motorized vehicles."

"There is no need for more parks since Amery cannot maintain what they have now. Streets are poor, feels like I lose my suspension when drive over the manhole covers. Roads are hardly ever plowed. Police aren't around when a non-emergency comes up. Leave them a message and they don't return your call. Can't find parking spots in Main Street Amery. Police need to crack down on those kids loitering around Amery, can't even get gas at Townmart or food at Subway. Where are the police? Through past experiences and stories, kids don't learn anything at the schools. It is more or less a hang-out spots. A need for a Wal-Mart or Target is needed. Are you serious about Alco? Ha Ha. Get a real store. We also need a Rainbow or Cub Foods. Dick's charges way too much money for basic groceries. I guess he can since he is the only place to buy food (monopoly). that is wrong and unfair to the people of Amery. Example: 100 or Tide: Dick's \$9 (about); 20002 Tide at Wal-Mart \$11 (about) - think about it."

"This seems to be a retired population and more affordable housing is needed (2 bedroom subsidized). We need a variety of more stores. I often need to travel to the Cities (Mpls., St. Paul) for variety and competition of prices. Speaking for citizens who depend on Social Security for existence - we are falling further and further behind. The cost of living increase every year is much more than the Social Security raise."

"We need another apt. building for elderly with 30% of our income toward rent."

"Eating place on by the mall. There is an empty store out there. Our restaurant has good food, but poor service."

"Since the main grocery store and post office is not south of town, it is very hard for low income seniors without vehicle to be accommodated. Also, as soon as the residents of Amery ask as have been made to make improvements, their taxes or electric, etc. go up. I feel the amount of money you make to get assistance should be encouraged so you can make improvements to help your home attractive and affordable."

"There (in my opinion) should be a public swimming pool in Amery."

"Stop the fluoridation of our City water - it is not approved by the FDA and is not healthy. Sanding the streets is more than adequate. Feel like we live in the country on a dirt road. Receive no assistance from the police department in neighborhood problems."

"I think Amery is a beautiful City with its lakes and river. Besides North Park, it would be nice to have an area on the lake or river near downtown where locals and visitors can site, have lunch, walk and enjoy the scenery and spend time and money in Amery businesses. how about the area by the public boat landing on the River 1 Block east of Main Street? It looks bad - it could be nice."

"No comment - happy."

"Streets and sewer need improvement in northeast part of City. Narrow and inadequate sewer system is old."

"The expansion is very important to the City's economic well being. The City Council needs to make a better and a more honest effort to tell the City residents where money is being spent and how much. There are too many (secret) meetings going on only available to the Council for land purchases and spending money on parks that were not in the budget. We can't have new City buildings or road repairs, but they are quick to spend money on land and parks which bring back no taxable returns."

"Amery does not need any more low income, government subsidized housing."

"Street in Amery need repair badly."

"Speeding in residential areas need to be monitored more (example: Arlington Drive)."

"Park improvements are the communities responsibilities, not some money from another community. Our City has made parks more important than all the more areas' that need help. Get a life."

"As a consumer, I am very impressed with the selection and variety of businesses in Amery with the exception of two things. One being the lack of clothing selection, the other being groceries. I am not disappointed in the selection, but the quality. It seriously concerns me that our grocery stores sell expired items, especially in the produce, dairy, and meat departments. I consider this a health and safety issue and not one of convenience."

"Satisfied living in Amery."

"Improve the area along the Apple River to be accessible to anyone. Clean-up deteriorating buildings. Rebuild Harriman Avenue. Snow cleared off sidewalks where there are no houses located. Improve facilities at Soldier's Field; lift wet areas. Shelter 2nd restrooms. Improve beach, control ducks, or treat water."

"On Deronda Street - we need more street lights. Very dark at night in this area."

"We need industry - more jobs - for a prosperous community - helps everybody in and around Amery."

"We need moderate priced assisted-living housing."

"I would like to see more street lights on Hillcrest Drive (there are a couple areas that are quite dark for walkers) and Otis Street. There is a definite need for a sidewalk on upper Hillcrest Drive by the elementary school. Especially when school is opening in a.m. and being dismissed in the afternoon, and for special events which are often held at the school."

"Need to make downtown business district more attractive to surrounding area/shoppers develop Riverfront plan."

"Amery lacks an airport capable of landing business jets. Jets need 5,000 feet normally. This is the only infrastructure needed in Amery. The current 4,000 foot runway can easily be expanded to 5,000 feet."

"We are living on retirement income and a very small home based business (wife). Still have a son in college. We are not anxious to have a raise in property taxes. With costs rising on all fronts, we do not know how much longer we can afford to live in our home which we have been in for 35 years. Too many City improvements that are not giving a payback, may fit this analogy: We drive Fords or Mercury's because we really cannot afford a Cadillac. Thank you for asking."

"For about 15 years, the Amery softball association has tried to get a decent ballfield to play on, but to no avail. There are a dozen teams with an average of 16-18 players per team, plus their families would like the facilities improved with play areas for children, etc. There's money for tennis courts, golf courses, airport, but not a new ball field. I suggest the league just go to Deer Park and take all the revenue generated by the players with them, food, gas, refreshments, etc."

"Harriman Avenue need repairs badly."

"Amery never let any big factories in. They had several small factories that went bankrupt - some large factories would be nice to come to Amery."

"All of this does not apply to me as I live alone in a 1 bedroom apt. I'm elderly."

"I am too old for steady improvement as I will be 88 in April, though I must have a place to live, and my income is less than \$600. dollars per month, paying rent, insurance, utilities, phone, groceries, clothing leave me in dire straights many times as you can imagine."

"Living in the Hi-Rise, the board takes care of the needs for all apartments, and they keep it up nicely."

"This town needs job opportunities that pay higher than \$8-9 an hour. This town is so much catering to the 50+ years people that leaves little to the concerns of the younger generation. And why not include channels like CMT or Animal Planet listed in the Basic Cable plan. Also, different restaurants would be refreshing. There are also times when I have seen teenagers on the streets after 11:00 p.m."